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Friend left out of pocket after gift as trips are cancelled

FIRM COLLAPSE HITS ILL WOMAN

A TERMINALLY ill woman is among the latest to have lost money through the apparent collapse of a Rugeley coach firm.

It has been several weeks since customers last heard from Haywards of Rugeley, with numerous day trips and holidays cancelled without any prior notice.

As reported in *The Chronicle* last month, Hednesford couple Patricia and Dennis O'Gara lost £370 when their planned week-long holiday to Devon failed to go ahead.

Lawrence and Heather Hayward ran Haywards of Rugeley from their shop in Horse Fair, but customers became concerned when the shop windows were boarded up. A notice was left on the window stating that holidays and day trips had been cancelled due to bad weather conditions, but no one has since been able to contact the Haywards for refunds.

Now Audrey Dobric and Eileen Baker say they have had four days out cancelled between them and are owed £70.

Mrs Dobric also said she had given a terminally ill friend of hers gift vouchers for a pre-Christmas 60th birthday trip.

The Rugeley resident said her friend, who didn't want to be named and was at the minute very seriously ill, had been left £50 out of pocket as a result of the trip being cancelled. Mrs Dobric said. "To do something like this for someone who is terminally ill is just disgraceful.

"She's a good friend of mine and I just wanted to give her a few good days to enjoy what life she has left."

Mrs Dobric said her and husband John were owed £20 for two day trips.

She contacted Heather Hayward in December and was told the trips would begin again after Christmas and that she would definitely get her money back.

"We're all left owing money but no one can get hold of them," Mrs Dobric added.

Another Haywards customer, 78-year-old Eileen Baker from Hednesford, said that two trips for her and daughter Carol, aged 49, had also been cancelled.

Mrs Baker said the service Haywards provided before December had always been fun and great value, adding that Mr and Mrs Hayward seemed like "really nice people".

She has been left £50 out of pocket from the cancellation of two trips, one to Birmingham and one a mystery tour with a Christmas lunch.

"It's absolutely awful," Mrs Baker said. "I'm a pensioner and £50 is a lot of money to me.

"I phoned them and was told the trip to Birmingham had been cancelled. I told her we'd much rather have gone but she told me they'd had a terrible three weeks, although she didn't say why."

Mrs Baker added she had not been able to contact the Haywards since before Christmas.

Haywards of Rugeley were unavailable for comment at the time The Chronicle went to press.

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Charity's loss fear as VAT increased

A CANNOCK-based children's charity estimates the recent VAT increase will cost it £5,500 this year.

Newlife Foundation, whose headquarters are at Hemlock Way, Hawks Green, gives support to disabled children throughout the UK.

They say the drop in funds could have a knock-on effect on the amount of disabled children it can provide equipment for.

Around £3,500 of the loss will come through an increase in the price of some therapeutic equipment, which isn't VAT-free.

Newlife SuperStore is run via Newlife Trading, which exists to make a profit to pass onto the Foundation through selling discounted clothes, accessories and furniture.

The trading company is absorbing the VAT increase, which will make another dent in income of around £2,000 every year, making £5,500 in total.

The charity said this could mean some children go without pain-relieving beds, wheelchairs or other essential equipment. Newlife chief executive, Sheila Brown OBE, called the news a double whammy.

"Fundraising is tough for all charities and it concerns me that the increased costs will inevitably reduce the help we can give to children," she added.

"We will have to keep donations and fundraising coming in through the year due to amount of children that are in need.

Resolution

"Many statutory providers have cut their equipment budgets increasing calls upon the charity for help."

The charity is currently running a New Year Resolution Appeal, which aims to get those who have taken on a challenge such as slimming or giving up smoking, to request a sponsorship form to help them achieve their quest and raise funds.

If anyone can donate to the charity they should call 01543 468 888 or email info@newlifecharity.co.uk

Daisy Clark (aged 12), Alex Clayton-Tang (11) and Dayna Wright (nine) from Highfields Primary School and vicar of Christ Church Rev Marg Mattocks

Gifts sale aids flood appeal

PUPILS helped to run a sale of unwanted Christmas presents at a Burntwood church.

Christ Church in Church Road teamed up with Highfields Primary to run the event in aid of the Pakistan floods appeal.

Church members, pupils and members of the local community donated gifts for the present bring and buy sale, which raised £414.

The few remaining gifts have been donated to St Giles Hospice following their request for unwanted presents.

Highfields deputy head Mark Wilkes said "We thought it was a good way to help people who are still suffering in the wake of last year's devastating floods."

He added the church and school planned to work together to run more community events over the year.

Opposition leader gives up the reins

A CANNOCK councillor who has served the town for 30 years has announced his retirement.

Councillor Doug Thomas, ward member for Cannock East, said he was passing the buck over to someone "younger and better looking".

The 74-year-old, who worked for Leeds City Council in the 1960s before moving to in 1970.

He was chairman of Cannock Chase Council from 1994-95.

The former miner said the year as chairman was the highlight of his council career as he and wife Chris got to meet many interesting people from different walks of life.

"It's been an honour to represent the people of Cannock," Councillor Thomas said.

"I'll be 79 by the end of the next term (in 2015) and I thought that'd be taking things over the top.

"I'm going to miss it, like anything else you've been doing for a long time. But I'm looking forward to taking it nice and easy."

Intention

Councillor Thomas had also been deputy leader and leader of the opposition, a position he currently holds within the Labour Party.

"I've done more or less everything!" he added.

"It's time to hand over to somebody young and better looking than me."

Councillor Thomas informed members of the Chadsmoor & Broomhill branch of the Labour group in October of his intention to retire in time for May's local election.

He told them the decision was in no way a sign of dissatisfaction with the Labour Party locally or nationally and that he would continue to help the Party as much as could.

Fellow district councillors Muriel Davis said: "It's sad that Doug has decided to retire as he has served the area very well and worked hard for all the people in the Chadsmoor area."

Janos Toth has been nominated to stand for the Cannock East seat for the May 5 elections.

Doug Thomas

'Triangle' is group's talk topic

BRIDGTOWN and District Local History Society is stepping back in time for an industrial look back at the area next week.

A talk, entitled The Churchbridge Triangle, is being held on Wednesday (January 19)at Bridgtown Community Centre, adjacent to the Ramada Hotel, Bridge Street, at 10am.

Hosted by John Devey, the morning will take guests through the history of the industry in Churchbridge, going back as early as 1804.

Admission is £1, which includes refreshments.

Hotel event

ENTREPRENEURS are invited to a social media workshop in Cannock tomorrow (Friday). The event will be held at the Ramada Hotel, Orbital Plaza, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

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Karen does up button sale joy

A RETIRED Great Wyrley teacher has one corner of the celebrity art market all stitched up after attracting interest from the US.

Karen Gammon compiled a charity book featuring button art from top celebrities.

In November, more than 100 people attended the launch in Cannock of Celebrity Button Art which features artwork from the likes of Dame Judi Dench, JK Rowling, Emma Thompson, and Sir Cliff Richard.

The 58-year-old author spent more than 10 years asking celebrities to be creative for her book.

Since the launch, Mrs Gammon has had sales across the country.

Now people from overseas are starting to buy it after the former Great Wyrley High School teacher contacted button societies in the States.

"It's strange, we seem to have had an order from every state," she said.

She wrote to the individual button societies and expected to hear back from a select few.

Much to her delight, at least one copy has gone to all 50 American states.

Money from the sales helps charities, including the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Acorns Children's Hospice. Books are available at www.celebritybuttonart.com

Rubbish beats the cold

CANNOCK Chase Council's refuse collections had to be suspended for only one day during the big freeze.

Rubbish was collected before and over the festive period, with the only suspension due to heavy snowfall.

The snow and ice did affect parts of the service, which meant some residents had their bins collected past the scheduled date due to difficult road and path conditions.

However, crews made sure that bins were collected as soon as it was safe instead of waiting for the next scheduled collection date.

Refuse collections are back on track in accordance with the collection schedule published in the annual waste and recycling calendar.

Donate your old mobile and help wildlife projects

A WILDLIFE charity is appealing for anyone who got a mobile phone for Christmas to donate their old one to help wildlife.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is collecting unwanted phones to raise funds for nature conservation projects.

The trust works in the county to protect and enhance wildlife and wild places and looks after 25 nature reserves totalling 2,470 acres. Recent projects have included working with school children to make their local community garden wildlife-friendly and helping to preserve Staffordshire's few surviving fens – a threatened wetland habitat.

Liz Pegg, of the trust, said: "Lots of people received a new phone for Christmas, and this scheme is a great way to put their old phone to good use. For every handset donated, the trust can receive up to £10.

"All the phones are either re-used, refurbished or recycled. This scheme guarantees that even items that cannot be re-used or re-sold will not end up in landfill. Mobile phones and their batteries contain elements such as mercury, cadmium, nickel and gallium arsenide that if not disposed of carefully, can be extremely harmful to the environment.

"Anything that cannot be reused or refurbished is recycled either to extract reusable elements such as copper or used as the raw material for anything from road sleepers to frisbees."

To donate a phone, you can pick up a Freepost envelope from the trust's Wolseley Centre headquarters in Wolseley Bridge or visit www.recyclingappeal. com/wildlifetrusts to receive one by post.

The trust also collects used printer cartridges in the same way from Hewlett Packard, Cannon, Lexmark and Dell but cannot accept Epson or non-original one or cartridges without a metal printhead.

For more information on any of these schemes, call the trust on 01889 880100

Tributes pour in after the death of cycling official

A CYCLING enthusiast who officiated at races across the UK has died at his home near Cannock. Peter Biddle first took up the sport nearly 60 years ago

Family members and friends have paid tribute to Mr Biddle, aged 72, who died at his home in Heath Hayes. He was a much-loved commissaire – cycling referee – who officiated at events across the country.

In 2009, the Wolverhampton Wheelers Cycling Club recommended that Peter should receive an Award of Merit from the Wolverhampton Sports Council which he received last year.

A tribute on the club's website reads: "He was a great advocate of the sport of cycling – always really supportive to get 'bums on saddles' at any age group. We will miss his passion for cycling, his good humour and his reliability."

Peter Biddle – tributes

Peter's son Mark, 38, who also lives in Cannock, said the family has been overwhelmed by the tributes .

He said: "I'd like to pass on a big thank you on behalf of the family.

"So many people from the cycling world have phoned up and said nice things.

"We've always known he's a good 'un but when other people tell you, it's nice and it helps."

Close friends, Mike Jackson, said it was rare if the retired electrician, who lived in Cleeton Street, had a weekend to himself.

Missed

Mr Jackson said: "He was a lovely, engaging bloke who was respected in the sport. He was kindly assertive. He would and could issue warnings if people were taking the Mick.

"He was a very diplomatic man and will be sorely missed. He rarely had a weekend free, he was always giving up his spare time."

Mr Biddle started competive racing in 1952.

He set up the now defunct Cannock Cycle Racing Club in the mid-1980s and was the West Midlands representative for British Cycling.

Mr Biddle died on December 27. His funeral is at Stafford Crematorium on Friday at 3pm. His family have asked for any donations to go to Air Ambulance.

Man who said No attacked

A 30-YEAR-OLD Cannock man was attacked by a gang when he refused to hand over cigarettes.

The assault happened in Cannock at around 12.30am on Sunday (January 9).

The victim was walking in Greenheath Road when he was confronted by four men.

They assaulted him and ran off in the direction of Rosehill.

Two of the men were slim built and about 6ft.

They were all dressed in dark clothing.

Witnesses are asked to call police on 0300 123 4455.

Cider, songs and dance to boost crop

Frank Ryan, left, Mark Gallon and front, Duncan Rippon

Morris men perform at the traditional wassailing ceremony

A TRADITIONALl wassailing ceremony was held at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's headquarters. The free light-hearted event took place in the grounds of the Wolseley Centre at Wolseley Bridge on Sunday (January 9). It was held to appease tree spirits and encourage a good yield of fruit from the trees at the 26-acre site next to the River Trent.

Visitors were invited to pour cider onto the roots of the trees in the charity's orchard.

Morris Men joined in the fun by performing traditional dances.

Centre manager Alison Rhodes said families were also able to learn about other fascinating ancient customs.

Apple tree wassailing goes back to Celtic times and has been recorded in all the apple tree growing regions of England.

The purpose was to "wake up" the tree at the start of the year and to encourage the sap to start flowing and also to appease the spirit of the tree and encourage a good crop of fruit.

There are new weekend opening times for the centre during the winter.

It will open 10am to 4pm up to and including the last weekend in February.

Normal 11am-5pm opening is to resume on March 5.

The wassailing begins to drive away the tree spirits at the Wolseley Centre

Burley's thrill at being a new MP

CANNOCK Chase's MP has said the first seven months of his Westminster career have been "exhilarating and exhausting".

Aidan Burley said the job was more intense than he ever imagined.

The Tory said: "It has been exhilarating because of the power that being an MP has to help people, improve our communities, and make a real impact on the big issues of the day.

"A portcullis-headed letter opens doors on behalf of constituents, and ensures organisations take them seriously – often for the first time.

"Speaking in the Chamber is a very public way of expressing your views and speaking up for your constituents.

"It literally ensures their views are heard in the most listened to and recorded forum available. The Chamber is still the cockpit of the nation."

He said there were downsides, particularly the hours, which were not family friendly.

Fridays were back-to-back constituency meetings, usually with a dinner in the evening and a fete or similar to open on Saturdays.

"Family frequently comes second, or third," he said.

Yvonne is lotto winner

RUGELEY Traders' Association's third lotto draw on January 4 was won by Yvonne Price, from Hednesford.

She received £1,000 from association chairman Chris Green.

The lotto is run to put on events in the town throughout the year and support local charities and good causes.

Anyone with suggestions for a worthy cause should contact Angi Cooney on 07866 610894.

Traders have reported Christmas sales were up on 2009 with more people shopping locally.

Vicky Gisbourne, from Roses Cafe, Albion Street, said: "We were inundated with shoppers of all ages coming in for a welcoming chat and cup of tea.

"People were commenting that they hadn't realised exactly what gifts the shops had to offer."

Alert issued after bogus callers strike

OFFICERS are urging residents to be vigilant following crimes carried out by bogus official in Burntwood and Lichfield.

At around 12.30pm on Friday (January 7) a man posing as a gas board worker called at a home in Hill Street, Chasetown.

He said he wanted to talk to the homeowner about changing her gas company and the 32-year-old disabled woman who lives there allowed him into her house.

After he had man left, the woman realised cash had been taken from her handbag.

The offender is described as white, aged late 30s to early 40s, with balding, mousey blond hair. He was wearing a high-visibility jacket and had a clip-board and ID tag.

Around an hour later, a man called at a house in Bower Close, Lichfield, claiming that there was a burst water pipe.

Zipped

He was let into the house and, after he had left, the couple who live there discovered cash was missing.

The man is described as white, well-built, aged in his late 30s to 50s, around 5ft 7ins tall. He wore a dark zipped jacket and dark hat.

Officers are investigating potential links between the two crimes.

Anyone with information should ring Staffordshire Police on 0300 123 4455, quoting incident numbers 400 and 401 of 7 January.

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Return of 'missing' teenager

A TEENAGE girl who went missing from home in Burntwood is now back with her parents.

Lauren McCauley was reported missing by her parents after not being seen since Boxing Day.

Officers trying to trace the 15-year-old believed she may have been in the may be in the Birmingham area.

Police say Lauren returned home safe and well last Thursday (January 6).

Blow for passengers as vital bus link axed

A VITAL bus service which links Cannock to Wolverhampton is set to be axed by the end of next month.

Arriva, which currently operates the 68 and 69 services from Cannock to Wolverhampton, via Essington, have given notice that they intend to axe the service on Saturday, February 26.

At present, the Monday to Saturday, Cannock to Wolverhampton service runs every 30 minutes from 7am until 5pm. The service then runs at 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, and 10pm.

The loss of services is a further blow to Cannock commuters after the announcement last summer that Centro could no longer afford to fund the half hourly Birmingham-Walsall-Cannock-Rugeley trains which have since been switched to an hour.

Arriva spokesman Keith Myatt said the firm had been forced to axe it due to cutbacks nationally from the coalition government.

He said: "It would be impossible for us to sustain profits commercially."

Mr Myatt added Cannock and Wolverhampton commuters would still be able to make use of the half-hourly 70 service which runs between the two via Featherstone and Cheslyn Hay.

Essington parish council hoped to step in to save the service which was partly introduced by the council two years ago. Council chairman Councillor David Clifft said: "Essington parish council had helped to introduce the two services two years ago which have been a great success.

He added: "Both the 68 and 69 daytime services do not receive any subsidy. Any cuts to the current services would be detrimental to the community."

Coalition gives its backing to £50m project

Fire station rebuild scheme goes ahead

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THE REBUILDING of four new fire stations across the Chase has been given the go-ahead.

Planning approval has been received for Lichfield, Chase Terrace, Rugeley and Penkridge stations, which will all be reconstructed as part of the £50million scheme that has been given Government backing.

The news comes as the Service is midway through construction of its first phase of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) project which involves the build of ten community fire stations.

Cannock is one of those 10 stations already undergoing renovation and it is hoped its new base will be open by the end of this month.

The project which initially received unconditional treasury approval in March last year was re-reviewed by the new coalition government.

The Government has now confirmed its commitment to the project after a successful value for money assessment was carried out. Peter Dartford, Chief fire officer, said: "We are absolutely delighted that we now have the approval for the rebuild of these fire stations reaffirmed.

"This is great news for both our staff and the communities who will benefit from these new facilities.

"We were confident that our business case for the project was strong and we have proven experience with our first PFI of delivering to budget.

Vision

"In these unprecedented economic times we could take nothing for granted.

"The new Government clearly has confidence in us successfully delivering this project and they have recognised how these new community focused fire stations support their key priorities.

"These new facilities will allow us to empower our communities to become safer and stronger, therefore contributing to the Government's 'Big Society' vision."

He added: "We will be able to engage and educate the community in a positive and interactive way, like never before."

Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Authority, Councillor Len Bloomer, said the funding for the restoration scheme has been crucial to the improvement of the stations and the services they provide.

He said: "A significant amount of work and effort has already gone into this project, so we are pleased that it can progress as planned.

"In their current state these fire stations are proving costly to maintain and they no longer suit the requirements of the modern, proactive fire and rescue service we have in Staffordshire."

Oil spill into river probed by agency

THE Environment Agency is investigating the cause of an oil leak in the River Penk.

Oil downstream of Penkridge was reported on Christmas Eve and staff traced it to a Wooldridge Demolition demolition site on Boscomoor Industrial Estate, Penkridge.

The discharge was stopped and over the holiday period agency staff contained and removed as much of the oil as was possible.

Agency spokesman Emily Poyser said: "The demolition contractor on site has been co-operative and called in a specialist oil-removal contractor to manage the clean up.

"Our investigations into the cause are continuing.

No decision on the enforcement action response has been taken yet."

There was no threat to water supplies but oil was visible downstream generating a strong smell.

The RSPCA went to a heron covered in oil on December 28.

Surplus stock on sale

Service Assistant Ann Pugh promotes the book sale at Hednesford Library

A SALE of surplus books is running in Hednesford library this week.

Books from libraries all over the county are being sold at the Market Street venue until Saturday (January 15).

Library manager Anne-Marie Crump said the sale featured fiction and non-fiction titles that were no longer needed.

"We also have quite a few children's books available," she added.

The library runs a flourishing reading group for adults which meets on the first Thursday of each month from 2pm to 3pm. This month there are also information technology training courses taking place.

An internet starter session will be held at the library on January 28 between 10am and noon.

"Anyone wishing to sign up for the session needs to book a place in advance on 01543 422798," said Anne-Marie.

Opening hours are 9am to 7pm on Monday, until 5pm Tuesday to Friday and from 9.30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

For more details e-mail **hednesford.library@staffordshire.gov.uk**

Village store has new owners

A POPULAR Cannock store has changed hands after being sold for an undisclosed sum.

The Spar shop, in Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, has been sold to local operators Baldeep and Mannether Dhariwal.

The sale was completed by the Birmingham office of retail business agents, Christie + Co.

A leasehold asking price of £225,000 was sought for the business. It was sold for an undisclosed fee.

The business trades as a busy convenience store and post office. It was sold as part of an ongoing disposal programme undertaken on behalf of Tate Limited, a subsidiary of A F Blakemore.

Christie + Co's marketing campaign generated considerable interest and the business was sold to the local operators who have experience in both the convenience and post office sectors.

Baldeep and Mannether Dhariwal were unavailable for comment.

Appeal as rider, 82, dies

AN elderly Rugeley man died in hospital 16 days after he fell off his bike following an incident with a car.

Roynon Edwards, aged 82, died in the University Hospital of North Staffordshire on December 29.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident, which occurred at 5.55am on December 13.

Mr Edwards, who lived alone, was cycling on Hagley Road towards traffic lights at the junction with the A51 and fell as a silver VW Jetta passed him.

Police are appealing for witnesses and are also trying to find relatives of Mr Edwards.

Anyone with information is asked to call 0300 123 4455, quoting reference 86 of December 13.

Homes plan

AN application has been lodged with Lichfield District Council by Baxter and Shipley LLP, of Tamworth, to convert the former Swan Inn, in High Street, Chasetown, into four two-bed houses and two one-bed bedsits.

Launch of new year walks programme

AGE UK South Staffordshire launches a new year programme of walks in Lichfield, Cannock and Burntwood this weekend.

The first free weekend walk leaves Chasewater Innovation Centre at 10,30am on Saturday (January 15).

There is a 45-minute walk at Burntwood on Monday, January 17 starting from the Old Mining College in Queen Street at 11am.

A longer walk sets out from Chasetown FC on Tuesday, January 18 from 11am, and a shorter walk at 11am on Monday, January 24 from the college.

Other walks are planned in Lichfield, Cannock, Tamworth, Fazeley, Chasewater, Heath Hayes and Fradley Junction. Walk and Talk Plus offers walks for all ages.

Walks are on organised routes with trained volunteer leaders.

Call 01543 301265, visit **www.ageuk-communities.org.uk/south staffs** or email **walkandtalkplus@ageuksouthstaffs.org.uk**

Opening for NHS patients

A DENTAL practice in Hednesford is taking on 500 NHS patients.

The Valley Centre Dental Practice has taken on two dentists, who are graduates of the Birmingham Dental Hospital.

There will be one dentist, Dr Rajesh Nahar, specialising in private patients and the other two will concentrate on new NHS patients.

Patients are being taken on on a first come first accepted basis.

Among treatments the Eskrett Street practice offers are orthodontics, teeth whitening and dental implants.

The practice, which is open Monday to Saturday, is already in the process of taking on the new patients.

More details are available from the practice on 01543 878171.

It has its own website at www.vcdp.co.uk and is about to launch a newsletter for patients which will be available through the site.

The practice team also has a dental hygienist.

Start to work at church

THE second phase of refurbishment of a Great Wyrley church is under way.

Work on Wesley Methodist Church in Walsall Road will see major repairs to the youth centre.

Church letting officer Pat Jones, of Brooklands Avenue, said: "Repairs have so far been done to the roof and a new ceiling and lighting has been installed.

"The next priority is replace the flooring."

The church completed the £120,000 first phase of repairs last year.

A mini-market is being held at the church on Saturday from 10.30am to noon.

Members will be manning stalls offering groceries, cakes and crafts.

There will also be a fresh fruit and vegetables stall.

Island talk

A TALK on St Kilda island is on at the Cannock group of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's meeting in St Luke's Centre, Church Street next Wednesday (January 19) at 7.30pm.

Scottish celebration to help finance trip

A GROUP of Hednesford teenagers who will embark on a four-week expedition to Kenya in July and August will receive a fund-raising boost later this month with a Burns Night supper at Hednesford Town FC's Keys Park Stadium.

The Kingsmead Technology College students will be undertaking the expedition with Camps International.

Each participant needs to raise around £4,000 for the cost of the trip and the purchase of their kit.

While in Kenya the students will undertake conservation, development and education work with Camps International and will also learn how to dive off the Kenyan coast.

The traditional Burns Night supper, from 7pm until late on Saturday January 29, will include a three course dinner of Scotch broth; haggis, neeps and tatties; and typsy laird, an intoxicating pudding. A vegetarian option will be available.

Diners will be entertained cabaret style with music from Scottish singer songwriters Alan Frew and Stuart Mcgreggor. Among the singers Alan has toured with are Paolo Nutini, Jill Jackson and Amy Belle. There will be a traditional piper throughout the evening, which will be rounded off with Scottish dancing and a disco.

Tickets for the black-tie event cost £28 for adults and £16 for children; inclusive of two bottles of wine per table of 10. Table prices are also available.

Further information is available from Kevin Smith on 07739 610880.

The Burns Night supper is one of a number of fund raising events the students have undertaken.

Written off – parking tickets worth £1,500

COUNCILS in Cannock and Lichfield have had to write off more than £1,500 worth of parking tickets in the past 19 months because they cannot trace drivers of foreign-registered vehicles to which they have been issued.

The authorities are among dozens across the country which have been forced to write off thousands of parking tickets, worth millions of pounds, in the past two years.

More than 40 tickets issued to drivers of foreign-registered cars in Cannock and Lichfield have had to be written off by Cannock Chase Council and Lichfield District Council between April 2009 and December 31, 2010.

Cannock Chase Council has had to cancel 18 such tickets, worth £1,100, that had been issued between April 2009 and December 31, 2010.

Lichfield District Council also confirmed it has had to cancel 23 tickets issued over the same period for the same reason, worth approximately £690.

The two councils are part of Staffordshire's Clear Streets partnership that brings together Staffordshire County Council and the eight district and borough councils ito enforce civil parking regulations.

Nick Miller, county council traffic manager, said: "If a vehicle is registered abroad, it is sometimes difficult to trace it, because there are a limited number of shared databases across Europe and further afield.

"This is why we occasionally have no option but to write off some car parking fines.

"We understand the British Parking Association is lobbying for better co-operation across borders, which we support."

Survey reveals council benefit service praise

A SURVEY carried out by Cannock Chase Council has given a ringing endorsement to its housing benefit service.

Residents were invited to have their say on the system and it has been praised as efficient, clear and with high standards of customer care.

- 93 per cent of respondents said the speed of service is satisfactory or quick
- 97 per cent rated the standard of customer care as satisfactory or good
- 88 per cent rated the quality of information received as accurate and clear.

In June, the council extended its appointments system to make it easier for residents to claim housing and council tax benefit, and to notify the authority of any changes in circumstances.

Councillor Phil Freeman, Cannock Chase Council housing leader, said the survey would be used to improve customer care at the council.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the survey," he said. "We are delighted with the survey results but are not complacent.

Important

"We are always working to improve customer service for residents and will be setting up a panel of residents to help us continually improve our benefits service.

Anyone who would like to find out more should call 01543 462621 or send an email to counterservices@cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Councillor Freeman added: "With the recession seeing more people claiming housing benefit, it has been very important to make sure that claims are dealt with efficiently.

"In the current economic climate it is very important that everyone who is entitled to these benefits receives them. The new benefits appointments system offers a much more accessible service and takes it out into our communities."

Residents can arrange to see a customer services adviser at libraries and other venues . Evening home visits can take place for residents with mobility problems or for those who struggle to make appointments during office hours.

Footpath to be diverted

A PUBLIC footpath at Hammerwich may be diverted to follow a farm track.

Staffordshire County Council rights of way panel will hear tomorrow (Friday) that the path runs across fields between Overton Lane, Hammerwich, and Hospital Lane, Chasetown.

The panel is being recommended to make an order to divert the path on to the nearby track.

Collection on the cards

Cannock Chase Council recycling and climate change officer Tony Morris

RECYCLING bosses in Cannock Chase are calling on residents to help transform their old Christmas cards back into cardboard to help British businesses.

The district council's kerbside team is aiming to collect thousands of cards from across the district in the coming months as part of their fortnightly recycling collection.

The card and paper is then taken to Aldridge Recycling Centre and turned into new cardboard sheets and boxes for use by a range of companies and traders.

The Christmas card recycling service was set up more than 12 months ago and collections continue to be carried out alongside other regular collections by the team.

Dozens of cards have already been collected following the Christmas celebrations, with collection rates up compared to the same time last year.

Have your say on plan for housing

CANNOCK Chase Council is urging the public to have their say on a potential housing development in Hednesford at a consultation event in the town.

Four events were held in the town last month to explain the possible scheme to the west of Pye Green Road and north of Limepit Lane.

Another event will now be held at Pye Green Community Centre between 4pm and 7pm next Wednesday (January 19) when council officers, along with the site's developers, will be available to hear views and to provide further information.

Hednesford Town Council requested the extra consultation date after some of the events in December were hit by the bad weather.

The council, as the local planning authority, is currently producing a core strategy.

It will set out the long-term planning policies to be used in promoting and controlling development throughout the district up to 2026.

One site – to the west of Pye Green Road and north of Limepit Lane in Hednesford – has been identified in the strategy as suitable for 750 houses.

These would be supported by a new primary school, community facilities and open space.

Influence

A draft development brief has been created to guide potential development on the site from the outset.

A consultation started on December 8 and all views and comments received will influence future stages of the development brief.

Councillor Danny Davies, the council's economic development and planning leader, said: "Dozens of people had their say on the development brief before Christmas and many more have submitted their comments online.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has got involved.

"There is still time to make your views known on this important potential development for Hednesford."

£1,000 boost for hall facelift

A VILLAGE hall near Cannock has been given £1,000 by two county councillors.

The money has been used by Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Village Hall management committee to buy new blackout curtains for the main hall.

Councillors John Bernard and Phil Jones each provided £500 from their Staffordshire Local Community Fund grant.

The committee is refurbishing the hall, which was built in the 1960s, and plans to bring in a mobile cinema company to offer films.

The new curtains will enable that to go ahead.

Chairman Gary Powis said: "The hall is a meeting place for organisations such as a pre-school nursery, before and after school club, the women's institute, flower club, gardening club and pensioners' club as well as being available for hire for private functions."

Oxfordshire Theatre Company visit the hall in Cannock Wood on January 30 at 3.30pm to perform Alice in Wonderland.

Treatments talk on skin complaint

A HEALTH talk on a common skin complaint and treatments for it will be held at Cannock Chase Hospital next week.

Dr Anne Ward, consultant dermatologist, will talk on psoriasis on Wednesday, January 19.

Clinical nurse specialist Noeleen Smith will also discuss psychological issues linked to the illness.

The event will be held in the conference room on level three of the Brunswick Road hospital from 6pm to 7pm. To book call 01785 887504 or email membership@midstaffs.nhs.uk

Funeral date of council member

Colleen Horton

THE funeral of a long-serving Cheslyn Hay parish councillor was due to have taken place yesterday (Wednesday).

Colleen Horton died on Boxing Day at the age of 91 following a long illness.

She taught at Moat Hall School, Great Wyrley, until her retirement in 1983.

Miss Horton served two spells on Cheslyn Hay parish council, the first between 1952 and 1961 and the second from 2007 until her death.

She was also vice-chairman of South Staffordshire Safety Committee from 1957 to 1960.

A keen singer, she had been a member of several choirs.

Miss Horton, who was a keen traveller, had fallen ill after returning from a cruise to see the Northern Lights last summer. She had travelled all over the world.

Miss Horton leaves behind one sister. The funeral was due to taken place at Salem Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay.

Aid appeal over attack by car gang

POLICE in Cannock are appealing for witnesses after a man was attacked and his car was stolen in the town.

The 42-year-old was walking in Bradbury Lane at 11.30pm on December 10 when three or four men punched him. As he fell, they stole his car keys and his car.

The beige Volvo S40 was found on fire in Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase, at 3:40am the following day.

The victim was treated at Stafford Hospital for head and facial injuries.

Anyone with information can call Dc Ken Cox on 0300 123 4455, quoting reference 963 of December 10.

Pledge of no increased town council charges

HOUSEHOLDERS in Hednesford will not be charged extra for their town facilities this year after councillors agreed not to increase the budget due to the tough economic times.

The town council collects a precept from Cannock Chase Council totalling £130,000 towards amenities including street cameras, a public toilet and civic events from council tax.

The money is allocated according to population figures and equates to £9.70 per elector. There are 13,000 electors living in the three wards of the town.

Hednesford Town Council chairman Councillor Alan Pearson said: "We are thinking of the public. We have to tighten our belts along with householders and we are not putting charges up. Our budget per person is extremely when low compared to other places."

The future of the closed circuit television system and free parking provision also provided by the council is to be reviewed in the next three months due to an imminent multi-million new shops' development in Rugeley Road and Victoria Street. The council has for years covered the upkeep cost of the street cameras on condition that shoppers are offered free parking.

"It would be detrimental if we had no CCTV in the town centre. No decision has been made yet. We have always supported free parking because we want to make it as easy for people to shop."

David Cameron unveils plaque at town's Unionist club

Prime Minister helps centenary celebration

PRIME Minister David Cameron made a flying visit to Cannock to help celebrate the centenary of the town's Unionist Club.

The Premier unveiled a plaque to mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the High Green club last Wednesday (January 5).

Cannock Unionist Club, also the home of the town's Conservative Association, is to be renamed Cannock Conservative Club within the next month.

After last week's unveiling, Cannock Chase Tory MP Aidan Burley spoke with the PM about small and new businesses.

Mr Burley said it was a good opportunity to discuss with the Prime Minister the important issue of supporting existing small and medium sized business in Cannock and enabling new ones to develop.

He said the visit had also coincided with the announcement from the Government of plans to create up to 40,000 new businesses by 2013 as part of its strategy for growth and job creation through the New Enterprise Allowance to help thousands of unemployed people.

Privilege

"I was thrilled to welcome the Prime Minister David Cameron to Cannock to mark this historic milestone for Cannock Unionist Club," Mr Burley added.

Mr Cameron also met Conservative councillors to support their campaign in this May's district elections when the party will be bidding to become the largest party on Cannock Chase Council.

Club secretary Alan Slade said: "It was great privilege to welcome the Prime Minister to our club and a perfect way to mark the occasion of our centenary.

"He unveiled a wonderful brass plaque to mark the occasion which will be proudly displayed on our wall forever."

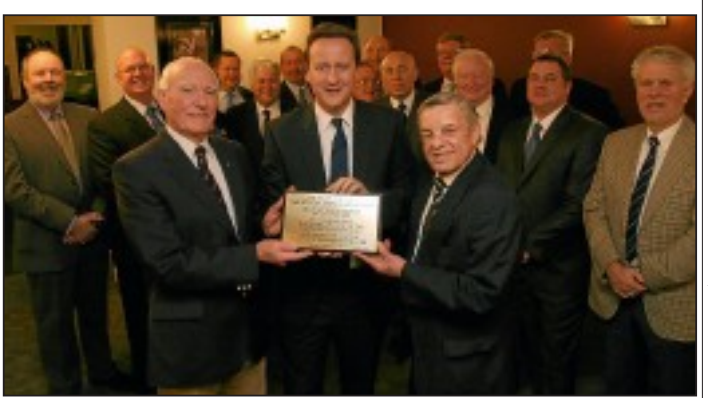
It was Mr Cameron's first visit to the Cannock district since last May's General Election victory.

During the campaign he joined Mr Burley on a visit to Western Springs Primary School, Rugeley.

Mr Burley won Cannock Chase for the Conservatives by a 3,195 vote margin over Labour candidate Sue Woodward.

Mr Cameron has written to Tory activists to thank them for their hard work in winning the seat from Labour.

Prime Minister David Cameron with Conservative group members at Cannock Unionist Club



David Cameron, club chairman Colin Cooper and president Alan Brickley with the centenary plaque

Nursery raffle raises money

KIND-hearted staff at a nursery in Cannock have raised more than £100 towards care for children suffering from a rare genetic disorder.

Workers at St John's Nursery, Hednesford Road, raised £113 for the Williams Syndrome Foundation in support of a two-year-old girl pupil who suffers from the condition.

Olivia Worton, of Heath Hayes, was born with Williams Syndrome, which causes learning difficulties, restricts growth and can cause heart murmurs.

The condition only affects about one in 25,000 births in the UK. Staff decided that their Christmas raffle should be in aid of the foundation to support people caring for sufferers.

Parents were asked to donate chocolate treats for hampers, which were raffled, and staff at Heath Hayes Spar also donated £35 of confectionary.

Soil health tests come back clear

AN investigation to discover if soil in parts of Cannock is contaminated has reported a clean bill of health. Tests were carried out between June and September.

The areas selected were two in Norton Canes, part of Rawnsley and two other areas in Hednesford. The purpose was to see if infill material contained concentrations of contaminants which could pose a risk to health and if significant concentrations of ground gases are present.

The testing funded by Defra and undertaken by specialist consultants has found no problems with soil samples or gas tests that would endanger human health.

Councillor Tony Williams, Cannock Chase Council's environment leader, thanked residents who volunteered their homes for testing. "Nothing untoward has been found to date and this has given our residents peace of mind," he said.

Samples from four other areas are being analysed with results expected by March.

Go to www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=2634 or www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=2633 for details.

Afghans flee lorry on move

ILLEGAL immigrants from Afghanistan and Iran smashed their way out of a lorry as it travelled through the West Midlands, before fleeing into fields in Staffordshire.

Police were inundated with calls from members of the public who reported seeing about 20 men escaping on Sunday.

A helicopter was used to search for the men after they fled from the A5 Watling Street, Brownhills, near the Terrace Restaurant, at 11.30am.

Fourteen men were arrested after being spotted in the area, with one making it as far as Upper Longdon, near Rugeley.

Most were arrested in Burntwood or around the Watling Street area.

It is believed the lorry was moving when the men began to kick their way out of the trailer.

The driver pulled over, and some of the men were seen fleeing towards Hanney Hay Road and Burntwood, and some towards Walsall Wood.

The lorry, which had travelled from Italy, has been traced. The driver has been interviewed.

Insp Alison Dando said: "We had patrols out through the afternoon surveying the area for the men, who are believed to be immigrants from Afghanistan."

New hotel in hunt for staff

A TEAM of chefs is being recruited for a hotel and restaurant due to open in Rugeley this year.

The Premier Inn and Table Table restaurant is being built on the Towers Business Park.

The chefs and other staff are being recruited through Cannock Jobcentre in Beecroft Road by parent company Whitbread.

Construction on the £4.5 million hotel, which will will create 65 jobs, started last July.

It is part of Whitbread's national expansion drive for Premier Inn which aims to expand from 42,000 to 55,000 rooms nationwide by 2014.

Writers launch search for actors

A PERFORMING arts school is looking for actors for an autumn show in Cannock.

Willenhall-based Essential Productions is to stage The Angel and the Adulation at the Prince of Wales Centre in September.

Writers of the show, father and son team Mark and Alex Rigby-Bishop, from Wolverhampton, are inviting anyone interested to call 01902 637959 or 07780 524915.

Glenn rocks on

CANNOCK rock star Glenn Hughes is to make an 11-date solo tour in the spring. His tour in May includes a Birmingham Town Hall gig on May 29. Glenn, who joined Trapeze in 1970 and Deep Purple in 1973, last year formed Black Country Communion with guitarist Joe Bonamassa and drummer Jason Bonham, son of Led Zeppelin's John.

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Super slimming leads Sarah to a new career

A RUGELEY woman has been able to set up her own dog walking business after shedding 10 stone.

Sarah Humphreys, aged 26, who does not drive, now walks around 25 miles a day walking up to 15 dogs.

She trimmed down from 21st 11lb to 11st 11lb to win the Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Magazine slimmer of the year 2011 award in the entrepreneur slimmer category.

Sarah, who used to live in Solihull, suffers from dyslexia and dyspraxia, which affects her co-ordination.

She decided to try to start up a business after losing her job as a check out assistant with Morrisons.

Her fiance Jamie Smith, who proposed to her on Christmas Day, spurred her on to lose weight to achieve her new career goal.

She said: "I feel amazing to have lost 10st. Now I want to help other people to turn their lives around. Especially people who have learning disabilities. If I can do it, they can do it.

"I just wanted to succeed in life. I hadn't succeeded in anything before and I am so proud of myself for turning my life around."

Bullied

Jamie said: "I think she's amazing, she has done so well."

Sarah, who is 5ft 11in, said she loved exercise and walking and being outdoors.

"I was walking 10 to 15 miles a day when I was unemployed. Jamie suggested walking dogs because his brother has a dog and that is what I have done," she said.

Sarah, who received Marks & Spencer outfits as part of her prize, said; "You just have to stick with slimming.

"You have good and bad days but have to be positive. It is really worth it in the end."

At the age of 15, she wore size 18 clothes and got bullied even more often getting called Taf, which she said her tormenters told her was how she spelt fat.

Turning to food for comfort, Sarah began to binge eat. Her breakfast was five doughnuts from the supermarket bakery where she worked.

She changed her diet, eating cereal for breakfast, soup or salads for lunch and chicken and vegetables for tea.

Sarah Humphreys and a cardboard cut-out of how she used to look

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PO Box address for Ben

A CHILD actor from Cannock who starred in a 2009 blockbuster movie is receiving so much fan mail his mother has set up a PO Box address for him.

Eight-year-old Ben Wilby, of Bishop Close, appeared in the British film Nativity! in 2009. Since then the young star has appeared in More Four's cult comedy The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret, BBC's John Bishop's Britain, Channel 4's Chris Moyles' Quiz Night, and he played a poverty stricken child in a campaign video filmed for Children in Need. Over Christmas Ben also appeared on ITV's Loose Women.

Proud mum Jillian is getting overwhelmed by the amount of fans he is getting across the world. She said: "I decided to set up the PO Box address. It's a way of gathering all the fanmail in one place."

The team behind Nativity! have revealed they are in talks to make a sequel to the hit film.

Plum Pudding head chef Giuseppe Iaconi

A Plum chance to learn from top chef

CUSTOMERS at a Rugeley restaurant can learn traditional Italian cooking from a respected chef.

Giuseppe Iaconi is showcasing his talents by offering monthly cooking demonstrations at Il Marchigiano's, an Italian restaurant based at the Plum Pudding, in Rugeley Road, Armitage.

The next event is on January 19 from 7.30pm. Participants should arrive at 7pm.

Giuseppe comes from a hillside village called Ripatransone in the Le Marche region of Italy and specialises in cooking traditional Italian food.

He has cooked in a number of top Italian restaurants across the West Midlands since moving to England in 1990. He met partner Roma Fiero in 1994 and two years ago they bought the Plum Pudding and set up the Italian restaurant.

To book a place on the cookery demonstration event or Italian evening ring the restaurant on 01543 490330.

Smuggling racket gang go to prison

Pair warned of extension to sentence

A NORTON Canes couple involved in a tobacco smuggling racket must pay more than £900,000 between them by July to avoid an extension to jail sentences.

Robert Horton and Julie Henworth, of Church Road, were jailed following Operation Range, an HM Revenue and Customs investigation into tobacco smuggling.

Investigations launched in 2006 led to four linked and one associated operation uncovering a staggering 35.4 million illicit cigarettes, many of which were counterfeit, and nearly a ton of hand rolling tobacco.

The revenue loss to the public purse was nearly £5m. Investigation officers took part in dawn raids to disrupt the gangs and seize the huge haul of illegal cigarettes and tobacco.

Horton and Henworth, along with Donald Southall from Sedgley, were jailed for a total of 11 years and four months for money laundering and organising the smuggling of 11 million cigarettes and revenue theft of £1.7m.

The gang members masterminded the organised crime syndicate, the court was told.

Southall, aged 56, and Horton, aged 43, who admitted tobacco smuggling, were last week both jailed for four years and eight months.

Horton was ordered to repay £884,524 within six months or spend five more years in prison.

Henworth, who had completed her two years, was ordered to repay £16,585 within 28 days or return to jail for 12 months.

Robert Horton

Julie Henworth

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The Editor reserves the right to cut or not to publish.

The skylarks are coughing as they take to the air

I HAVE read the council document that has been put up on Hednesford Hills, stating that it is an area of Special Site of Scientific Interest. It also gives information on banned activities on the Hills. When I had finished reading, the word "Hypocrisy" came to mind. Just up the road there is an old reservoir used for racing old cars round a track, and when a meeting is held hundreds of vehicles are parked on this Special Site of Scientific Interest, and according to the council this does no damage at all to the environment on the Hills. Tell this the skylarks that have started coughing as they ascend into the air.

M FINN
HEDNESFORD

Help for diabetes sufferers

MANY readers will have diabetes and we have found many people often feel they do not have enough information to understand and manage their condition.

IDDT's free January Newsletter for people with Type 1 and Type2 diabetes contain articles about exercise, diet and carbohydrates and how these can affect the condition, as well as other useful articles.

We are happy to send out these publications in addition to our booklet 'Understanding Your Diabetes.' Just call us on 01604 622837, email **martin@iddtinternational.org** or write to IDDT, PO Box 294, Northampton NN1 4XS.

MARTIN HIRST
INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETES TRUST

Are we really all in this together?

IN the past week we have had TWO tax increases on petrol (we all knew the VAT increase was coming but no one mentioned the other petrol tax increase that came in three days earlier).

Rail fares have also gone up and so have bus fares nationally.

All this at a time when wages are being frozen, or at best, going up by a tiny amount.

So, getting to work is becoming more and more expensive at a time when we are all facing cuts in our incomes.

At the same time the banks, that caused the worldwide economic crisis in the first place, are announcing that they are paying bonuses to their employees.

Are these the same banks that had to be bailed out by US, the UK taxpayers?

It hardly seems fair does it? Are we really "all in this together"?

GEORGE ADAMSON
HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD
CANNOCK

Course for would-be councillors or clerks

DO you want to have a say in the way your community is run? Why not think about becoming a parish or town councillor?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) **www.nalc.gov.uk** has developed an online training course to help members of the public seek election as a parish or town councillor.

On Tuesday January 18, Stafford Borough Council is holding a group session for prospective local council candidates.

They have kindly invited a representative from the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and one from the Society of Local council Clerks to present information on parish and town councils.

The presentation will take place in the Churnet Room at 6.30pm, following the Borough Council's own presentation.

In addition the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association **www.spcaonline.org.uk** will be running an online course and small free group training sessions.

Further information relating to becoming a parish or town councillor can be obtained from the Chief Executive Mrs Vivien Evans on 01785 277499 or by emailing **spca.parish@staffordshire.gov.uk**

RICHARD ELLISON,
ADMINISTRATOR
STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION

Behaviour standards consigned to dustbin

I WISH to make the following observation of the term 'standard'.

There are many different items that refer to this term. Generally, it is that a confirmation of items and matters shall remain similar, such as your shoes and clothes these have size.

However, when it comes to human species standards it seems go out the window.

When one looks at the past, certain forms of behaviour were and were not acceptable. Nowadays anything seem acceptable.

Standards of behaviour, once so rigidly held are but a memory.

Indeed, it would seem that the more elevated we become in society the greater the capacity for the lowering of standards becomes.

Then the bankers those beacons of security laid waste to monies entrusted to them. While making sure that they themselves were well taken care of whatever happened.

Those elected by us continue to ignore the current fiscal situation and claim everything that they do.

So it would seem that standards – at least in terms of human behaviour have been condemned to the dustbin.

Indeed, it seems that it is for us alone to consider what is and what is not acceptable behaviour.

Judge not least you also be judged. If your religion offends you find another.

If your MP/Councillors offend you – the next time he/she comes looking for your vote tell them where to go.

P FLAVAHAN
STRATHMORE PLACE
CANNOCK

Bright idea featured on website

WE would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who visited our Christmas lights display at 8, Squirrel Close,Huntington.

The total amount raised from the kind and generous voluntary donations was £459.45p. This amount has been given to the Midlands Air Ambulance charity.

Our story is featured on their website,**www.midlandsairambulance.com**

Click on the news tab and scroll down to the story entitled 'A Very Bright Idea'. Once again thank you to everyone for their generous support.

PAUL & JANE CARPENTER
SQUIRREL CLOSE
HUNTINGTON

Hoping new Aquarius will be as iconic as predecessor

AFTER 60 years, the Aquarius Ballroom at Hednesford, is due to be bulldozed to make way for yet another supermarket and although the plans include a replacement ballroom this will be a sad day for many in the area.

The Aquarius has over the years attracted dancers from all over the country with regulars travelling from as far afield as Chester, Chelmtenham and Shrewsbury, not to mention the whole of Staffordshire and the West Midlands.

We hope the new Aquarius will be as iconic as its predecessor, not a shadow of its former self.

It would be a shame if after building up the Aquarius to its former glory, that all the social and dance clubs re-established since the last closure, do not have a temporary new home whilst the rebuilding takes places. We understand Cannock Civic Suite has been suggested as one such alternative and would urge the council to look favourably on the suggestion as an alternative to again disbanding our dance community.

R BANNISTER
BURNTWOOD

Stunning sights under threat on Chase

THESE fallow deer foraging in frozen woodland are a special sight at a popular Midland beauty spot.

Amateur photographer Steve Batho, of Baswich, Stafford, came across the deer at Brocton, on Cannock Chase.

He captured on film what appeared to be a family with parents and two young wandering in the woodland. But such a sight could become much rarer if parts of Cannock Chase are included in plans to privatise Forestry Commission land.

Campaigners fear a private landowner may chop down trees and remove vital habitat for wildlife such as deer.

The What Future for Cannock Chase Forest group has attracted more than 1,400 signatures.

Organiser Mark Davis, of Hednesford, said on Facebook: "Let's hope everyone who appreciates its beauty will sign our petition whether online or on paper."

Information about the deer in the parkland is available from Birches Valley Forestry Centre, near Rugeley.

Fallow deer amid the frozen landscape of Cannock Chase. By Steve Batho

Vets is latest plan for boarded-up town pub

A BOARDED-UP Rugeley pub which was saved from demolition by a residents' campaign could be reopened as a veterinary surgery.

Derbyshire firm Simon Foote Architects is the latest to target the historic Britannia, applying for consent to extend the building and relaunch it as a vet's practice.

Rugeley-based Westring Developments withdrew an application to demolish the 1930s building in favour of housing after residents voiced their opposition.

Cannock Chase Council's Cabinet subsequently extended the town centre conservation area to protect the Brereton Road landmark from demolition.

The site has been subject to a string of planning applications, including a bid to convert it into a hot food takeaway and flats which is still to be voted on by planners.

The Britannia pub in Rugeley

Brereton parish council led the original calls for the building to be protected from demolition, calling on Cannock Chase Council to favour developments which make use of the existing structure.

Ward councillor Gerald Molineux said: "There have been that many applications for the site, but it shows there's a lot of interest in keeping the original building intact and that's all good news.

"Any plans which go through without making alterations to the building are wholly supported. It's a building with a special character of its own."

Colleague Councillor Ray Easton said: "It's an important part of the heritage of Brereton. We don't want it left to rack and ruin, but we do need the right application for the right area."

The building's conservation area status does not indefinitely prevent developers from applying to demolish the building but applicants are required to demonstrate beyond doubt that there is no better alternative use for the site.

They also have to seek approval from the Department of Environment as well as local authorities under demolition control laws.

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Put your favourite place in the picture

CANNOCK Chase residents are being urged to put their best-loved parts of the district in the picture.

As part of a new document providing guidance on developments across the district, the council is encouraging people to take snapshopts of their favourite local places. The winning photograph will adorn the front page of the final documentation.

A council spokesman said: "Trying to understand the design, local character and identity of different places across the district is important because it helps us to understand what new developments should like look in the future.

"As design is so important the council is preparing a document that will provide guidance to new developments when they are submitted as part of a planning application. This will offer advice on the best design solutions for a particular area or for the type of development."

The council is also thinking of creating a 'Local List of Buildings and Structures of Local Architectural or Historic Importance' and so is asking for suggestion from the public.

The authority will be asking local residents and a range of other groups or organisations with an interest in the area such as architects and the county council to become involved in producing the design guidance. Full details about the planning policy document, the photography competition and a questionnaire are available online at **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy**

A camera, supplied by Asda, is available for the winning photographic entry to the over-16s, while a separate contest is also being run for under-16s with a prize for their school up for grabs.

Entrants should send photos of favourite places such as a park, buildings,memorials and viewpoints across the Chase. Then, in no more than 100 words, explain why that subject is important and why it is unique to Cannock Chase District or their local area.

The spokesman added: "Entries will be used to help the council better understand what is locally important when designing new developments and the suggestions will also be taken into account in preparing the Local List."

The competition begins next Thursday, January 20 and will close on February 17. Entries will be judged on March 17 with the panel including Chronicle and Asda representatives, Cannock Chase Council marketing officer Sandra Richards, Councillor Danny Davies and a member of the council's planning team.

Photographs can be submitted via email to **planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk** Attachments should be no larger than 5MB in file size. The council will also accept hard copy photographs, but to have them returned, send a stamped SAE. Do not submit hard copy photographs larger than A4 size. Post to: Planning Policy, Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, PO BOX 28, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG.

All submitted photos will be made available on the council's website.

Entrants may submit as many photos as they wish but all entrants must complete a 'submission form' so their entry is rendered valid. This form is available to download from the council website or by requesting a hard copy on 01543 464494.

When submitting photographs please also fill out a copy of the 'Picture That' questionnaire. The competition is not open to employees and elected members of Cannock Chase Council, their agents, immediate families, or anyone professionally connected with the promotion.

You could take pictures of Rugeley clock tower or Hednesford war memorial for the Picture That competition

Warm welcome to new member

PRESIDENT Sandy Hobbs opened the January meeting by wishing everyone a Happy new Year.

The Christmas party had to be cancelled, but other events went ahead as planned.

The Hayes Green carol service at St John's church,the Christmas meal at the Malt Shovel and the county carol service at Lichfield Cathedral were all enjoyed by everyone who attended them.

HAYES GREEN WI

As January is the planning meeting, there were lots of suggestions and the secretary now has the task of booking the speakers,etc.

During the refreshment break, there was a "Bring and Buy" sale. The raffle was won by Pat and Lynne, and the competition "A Winter Hat "was won by Sandy, Mavis and Maureen. Eva's husband was wished a speedy recovery following a stay in hospital, while there was a warm welcome to Margaret, who decided to join the group. She was wished a happy "special birthday".

The monthly luncheon will be on January 26 at 12.15pm. at the Winding Wheel. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on February 2 at St John's Church hall with Black Country poetry and banter from guest speaker Mr D Bartley.

Christmas meal is followed by disco

CHASE TERRACE LADIES CLUB

THE club had to cancel its buffet evening on Thursday December 2 due to the adverse weather conditions.

There were concerns about the Christmas meal at the Ramada hotel for the same reasons, but that went ahead as planned.

There were four Ladies absent, sadly due to health reasons and the club sends them their best wishes – they were missed at the festive dinner.

After a traditional Christmas meal, the ladies enjoyed a disco put on by two excellent DJs who asked them all what kind of music they liked before they began playing the music.

They were very approachable and friendly and had brought a vast selection of CDs so every age group and choice was catered for and no reasonable request went unheeded.

Chris Parker is the Director of "SurfWorks" and he was the main DJ and can be contacted on 01562 637330 or emailed at chris@surfworks.co.uk

All the Ladies would like to thank Dilys Rogers for another successful year in running our club and for all her hard work.

They would also like to thank Jean Scott for organising all the ladies' trips – she even managed to procure really good weather for all of the enjoyable outings.

The next meeting is on Thursday January 20 at 7.30p.m. in the meeting room at the back of the library at Sankeys Corner.

New members are always welcome.

Original 1920s paper on show

NORTON CANES HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

DESPITE the weather, 20 members attended a memorabilia evening on December 8 at the library, in Burntwood Road.

Among the items of interest on show was an original 1927 newspaper, brought along by chairman Roger Knowles, depicting the installation of the WWI memorial stained glass window at the parish church of St James the Great. Instead of an evening meeting during January the Society will be holding an exhibition at the library on Saturday (15), from 10 am to 4pm.

On show will be old photographs of Norton Canes as well as current projects being undertaken by the Society. The family history group will also be showing the results of their research into their family trees and committee members will be on hand to answer questions about the Society.

CANNOCK WI

Husband and wife entertain

PRESIDENT Del Johnson welcomed everyone to the Christmas party.

Entertainment was provided by husband and wife team Chris and Alan Eccleshall, who, dressed in period costumes, had everyone joining in with old and modern songs.

Barbara Matthews and her helpers served dinner before the entertainers judged the best wrapped present, won by Janet Cotton.

The President thanked Barbara and her helpers for the work they had done. Barbara presented Stella Winfield with a set of knives.

Social Secretaries Jenni and Jan were thanked for the last outing of the year, when a minibus took members to the new shopping mall in Derby.

A meal has been booked at Gordon's Restaurant on February 17.

The new year began with the cookery group making pork casserole and chocolate pudding.

Tonight's meeting (January 13) at St Luke's Church Hall is a bring and buy and unwanted Christmas presents sale.

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Car parts firm looks at two possible new sites

BOSSES at a car parts firm looking to expand into Cannock have confirmed they are looking at two possible sites.

Euro Car Parts, which has more than 85 branches in the UK, is looking to move to the town as part of a nationwide expansion plan.

When the news was first announced in December, bosses said they were looking at three possible locations for the centre, which was expected to open in February.

Company spokesman Steve Maton said the company had now whittled its choices down to two possible sites.

Mr Maton would not disclose the two sites currently under consideration but he said: "My understanding is that we are almost in a position to finalise the location but we are not quite there."

The move would bring 30 jobs to the area.

Mr Maton added bosses could not confirm whether the centre would still open next month until a location had been confirmed.

Reward for missing dog is increased

THE former owner of a missing dog has increased the reward on offer for the animal's recovery.

A £1,000 reward was originally being offered for Kito, a nine-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback.

Now Debbie Lawson, who returned from Dubai to help hunt for him, said she was increasing it to "up to £5,000."

When she moved to Dubai nearly six years ago the freelance real estate agent found Kito a new home with David and Sian Froggatt near Rugeley.

Debbie, who had to return to Dubai last Saturday (January 8) appealed for anyone with information about Kito's whereabouts to call Animal Search UK on 0800 432 0340.

Tom Watkins from Animal Search UK help search for lost dog Kito with owners Sian and David Froggatt and former owner Debbie Lawson

Intensive

The Animal Search team, led by former police officer Tom Watkins, has been carrying out an intensive search in the area where Kito went missing.

"I am still hoping Kito will turn up safe and well," said Debbie.

"There have been calls from people in the local area who think they may have seen him since he went missing on August 7 last year.

"The Froggatt family have been devastated by his loss," she added.

Since his disappearance in August, the Froggatts have done everything they could think of to spread the word about their pet.

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Coco Watkins and dance partner Tracey Spare

Coco takes to floor with ballroom blitz

A TALENTED dancer from Burntwood helped raise more than £5,300 for St Giles Hospice.

Coco Watkins was among 20 dancers going toe-to-toe during St Giles' first Strictly Come Learn to Dance performance at the town hall in Burton.

Friends, relatives and hospice supporters all turned out to see who would be crowned champions by a panel of judges and the audience vote.

Ticket sales from the sell-out show combined with sponsorship collected by the dance stars saw £5,366 raised for the charity.

Coco, aged 47, a PA for National Express in Birmingham, and her dance partner Tracey Spare, who runs his own PR company, spent 12 weeks in the run-up to the finale being coached by Clive and Sam Keay from Stardust Dance Academy.

New competitors are being urged to sign up for the 2011 event. Anyone interested in taking part can contact Sarah Shelton on 01543 432538 or email sarah.shelton@st-giles-hospice.org.uk

Pay attention to cleaning, pub is urged

A PUB was given a one-star rating after being visited by a health inspector working for Cannock Chase Council

Staff at New Hall Farm Inn, in Lichfield Road, Cannock, were told to pay more attention to cleaning as several rooms and utensils were described as dirty.

Manager Gary Leek said the council had since been back and that improvements had taken place. He said: "Everything has now been taken care of."

A report following the inspector's first visit on November 30 said a packet of Wiltshire ham past its use by date had been found.

The inspector also found a dirty oven glove on the salad chopping board and a hand wash basin, kitchen floor, tin opener, chest freezer, sauce fridge and ventilation canopy were all unclean.

The pub was given advice on more of the problematic areas that needed attention.

Staff were told to throw away an unhygienic large plastic jug.

The report said: "The condition of the large plastic jug in the kitchen has deteriorated and can no longer be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Do not use the jug and remove from the premises."

"The internal plastic flaps of the ice machine in the beer room were not clean, while the external plastic film coating which is part of the packaging had not been removed and was starting to deteriorate.

Another point raised said: "When chopping boards become heavily scored they can no longer be effectively cleaned, causing them to discolour because the dirt and bacteria can no longer be effectively removed."

The report added that the staff toilet was dirty and there were paper towels on the floor.

The inspector was worried by a gap under the door to the beer room which was large enough to allow 'the ingress of vermin'.

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Lack of lighting helps raiders, says jeweller

A JEWELLERY store owner claims a raid on his shop may never have occurred if there was adequate lighting in Cannock town centre at night.

CCTV shows three people breaking into Chatwins Jewellers, on the ground floor of the centre, early on December 30.

However, shop owner Michael Chatwin said the footage was too dark to make out any of the suspects and thinks thieves will be encouraged to town centre shops as they are given 'good cover' by the lack of light.

He said: "I don't think it would have happened if it was lighter. They had no vehicular access and they ran the gauntlet to get there – and we're left with no clear photographs."

Mr Chatwin said if the centre was lit up more, passers by would more easily become aware of any suspicious activity. Raiders escaped with a haul of jewellery after breaking through the roller shutter doors at around 3.40am.

The gang then broke through the front door setting off alarms and smashed glass cabinets inside, taking gold and silver items.

The premises was left filled with broken glass after the raid and Mr Chatwin is still trying to work out what is missing. Since the crime, the shop has reopened but still has boarded up windows and broken display cabinets.

Natal Chapman, Cannock Shopping Centre's manager, said a decision was taken to dim the lights to discourage anti-social behaviour.

She said: "We were having damage done in Market Hall Street. We have had problems with graffiti and youths playing football, so we did this to eliminate the problem."

Staffordshire Police are appealing for information on the raid. Detectives are exploring 'forensic opportunities' on some of the jewellery that offenders dropped as they fled.

Police are also examining CCTV footage. It is believed there were three offenders who were dressed in dark clothing and they went towards the Beecroft car park.

DC Sean Corbett, from Cannock CID, said: "We are asking anyone who might have been in the area at the time, or has been offered to buy jewellery in suspicious circumstances, to contact us."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC Corbett at Cannock CID on 0300 123 4455, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, quoting reference 101 of December 30.

Top left, chief executive of Katharine Hospice Dr Richard Soulsby, prize draw winner Ann Matthews and hospice lottery manager Colin Martindale with, bottom left, John Cooper and Les Heeley

Ann's all smiles after win

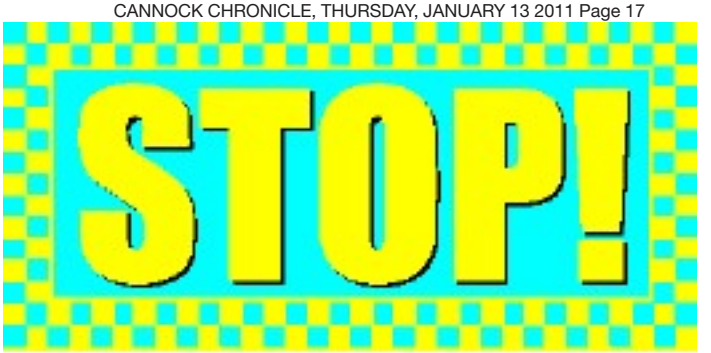
HEDNESFORD woman Ann Matthews had a Christmas to remember, scooping £10,000 in a festive prize draw.

The draw was held to celebrate 10 years since the opening of the Katharine House Hospice in-patient unit.

Retired Ann bought a ticket from her local hospice shop in Market Street and was one of about 44,500 entrants from across the county.

She was presented with her cheque at the hospice base in Weston Road, Stafford.

Second prize, won by Les Heeley, was a laptop. John Cooper won a £100 Marks & Spencer hamper for third.



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The George & Fox, in Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge

Restaurant plan ends days of pub

A PENKRIDGE pub has closed for conversion to an Indian restaurant. The George & Fox is to re-open as Basmati.

The Wolverhampton Road pub was built as a replacement for the original George & Fox coaching inn at Crown Bridge, which was demolished in 1931.

The pub was owned by Ansells before its sale to Punch Taverns. For a while it was called Foxey's and was also a Mr Q's pool pub for a while.

A £166,000 refurbishment in 1997 was followed by a £540,000 one five years later.

Closure a sad day, says crier

Restaurant scheme applicants' bid for free-standing and three wall-mounted illuminated signs were rejected by South Staffordshire District Council last month.

The building is within a conservation area.

Penkridge town crier and parish councillor Bevan Craddock said: "It is sad to see the village losing another pub becoming a restaurant.

"Although it is in the conservation area though, it is not a particularly old pub."

The George & Fox – once also the village post office – dates from the 18th century and was the birthplace of John Hewitt, whose son Abraham Hewitt was Mayor of New York in 1886. Punch Taverns tried unsuccessfully to make the George & Fox a pub appealing to younger drinkers.

It had a dance floor and cheaper beer than other pubs, but was not popular with real ale drinkers.

Locals knew it as both the George and the Fox.

Its closure leaves nine pubs in the village and surrounding area.

There are already two Indian restaurant, Flames at William Harding's House, in Mill Street, and Noor Mahal in Boscomoor Shopping Centre, Wolverhampton Road.

There is also a Cantonese, Minh's of Penkridge at the Boscomoor Centre, and, Wing Fat Chinese Restaurant and Takeaway, in Clay Street.

Reprieved loos to shut

PUBLIC toilets that councillors fought to save from closure two years ago are to be bulldozed to make way for a multi-million shopping development in Hednesford.

The doomed convenience stands on land in Victoria Street due to be transformed by regeneration firm St Modwen Developments.

Cannock Chase Council, which shut the conveniences in 2008 to save £14,000 in maintenance costs, has sent a closure notice to Hednesford Town Council, which took control and re-opened the loos the following year.

Now residents are to lose them for good with the land needed from June.

Councillors are in talks with other land owners to see if alternative arrangements can be made for shoppers until the redevelopment takes shape.

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Art Academy (Nintendo)

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You can also use the DSi/Dsi XL camera to turn your photos into works of art.

The stylus can act as various sorts of brush or type of pencil from 2H to 2B and reacts in a very realistic way on your touchscreen canvas.

You have a palette to call upon with colour wheel, paint tubes and water with which to mix the paints.

Vince is ready to give budding artists some tips or you can always go into free paint mode if you just want to get on with creating a freehand picture. Mistakes can easily be put right. And when you're happy with the results, you can store more than 80 pictures in your own gallery.

The Penguins of Madagascar (3, THQ)

Join the mischievous penguins from the hit Madagascar animated movies, Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private on stealthy missions as they take on three tasks: Throwing King Julien a birthday party, finding the missing Mort and ridding the zoo of snow. This involves plenty of wisecracks, lots of fun mini-games and some pretty nifty acrobatic moves by these tough guy penguins. Good fun.

Super Scribblenauts (12, WB)

Already one of the most imaginative games on DS, Scribblenauts has been massively improved in its Super sequel. The hero Maxwell is a lot easier to manoeuvre now he's controllable with the game pad, though if you prefer you can still use the stylus to guide him.

But in the game tagged 'Think It, Write It, Solve It' it's the amazing range of creatures and things you can create in the game simply by writing the word for it that impresses. In this new version many thousands of words are recognised – excluding rude words and tradenames – and for the first time you can use adjectives too, so whereas once you wrote 'mouse' and the familiar little beast was conjured up, now you can write 'flying mouse' to create your own fabulous mutant.

Your imagination can really take flight as you create ways to help Maxwell complete his challenge. He's got more than 100 puzzles to solve, in order to win his 'Starite' rewards. Keeps kids occupied for hours.

Pictionary (3, THQ)

The popular board game is brought to the DS to test your descriptive powers and drawing ability as you try to guess words from sketches made by other members of your team or by your Nintendo DS. There are easy, medium and hard settings and solo, pass and play and co-op quiz versions of the game. Your DS-owning friends can also join in with a wireless game.

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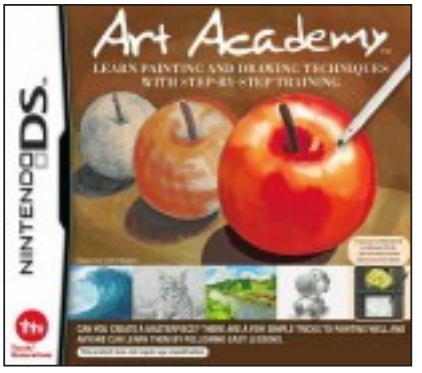

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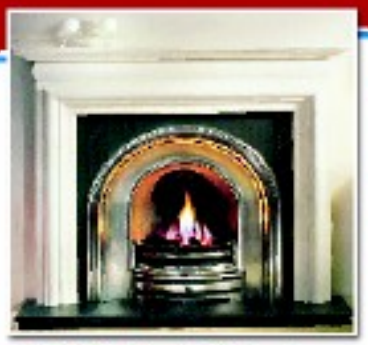

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These residents are seeking damages for the nuisance they allege they have experienced in the past; and an injunction to prevent the continuation of the alleged nuisance in the future.

Norton Aluminium deny that their activities constitute an actionable nuisance and strongly dispute the claims on a number of grounds.

The High Court has ordered that all claims are to be considered at the same time, by way of a Group Litigation Order. All claims must be registered with the Lead Solicitors, Hugh James by 4pm on 21 January 2011

Failure to register by this date may mean that it will be difficult for other residents to later advance their claim.

If you would like to pursue a court claim please contact:
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Registration with Hugh James does not mean that you will automatically become a claimant. Your claim will be investigated by Hugh James and you will be advised as to whether or not it will be in your best interests to join the proceedings.

The trial will commence during July 2011 however all claims MUST be registered with Hugh James by 21 January 2011

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Pupils are behind library exhibition

PUPILS from a village school have put together a new exhibition that is being staged in Cannock Library.

As part of the Young Curators project, the youngsters from Hazel Slade Primary, chose objects discovered in their local museum collections.

The Museum of Cannock Chase has already showcased the display which is now touring Staffordshire.

It is on show in the library in Manor Avenue until February 15 and will then be put on show at Cannock District Council's Civic Centre in Beecroft Road until March 29. The theme of the exhibition is mining.

The pupils also wrote captions to explain the items they chose including a mining helmet, a bar of pithead soap, miners' knee-pads, emergency breathing apparatus and a rescue medal.

The children spent a whole day at the Museum of Cannock Chase on the project. They handled artefacts and went behind the scenes to see how collections are documented and stored.

Headteacher Simon Norton said the children really enjoyed working at the museum on this project. Cannock Library also has a month-long exhibition of black and white photographs by the late Renwick Hill.

Library assistant Kerry Hutchings at the Young Curators exhibition on show at Cannock Library

Theatre training to begin

YOUNGSTERS can learn how to tread the boards at a new 12-week performing arts course.

Theatre training workshops for the Prince of Wales School of Performing Arts start on Sunday (January 16) at Blake Valley Technology College in Marston Road, Hednesford.

There are two age groups, 10-13 and 14-18 and places are still available at £45.

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Work to kick off on club's new pavilion

WORK on a leading football club's new £918,000 base has been delayed, but will go ahead in earnest next week.

A sod cutting ceremony will be held by Wyrley Juniors on Monday (January 17) at its new site at Long Lane, Essington.

The work should have kicked off this Monday (January 10), but was delayed because of the recent bad weather.

The club currently has 45 teams and the clubhouse, together with changing rooms and other facilities, will help to expand that number to 50.

Chairman Keith Hardy said the work would mark the start of an exciting year. "The recent bad weather has meant the ground was not ready and has put everything back a week," he said.

Wyrley Juniors still has a small amount to raise towards the £918,840 project which has a £235,000 grant from the FA.

The club has worked towards a new home for 10 years. It will replace the now demolished community building.

The club,which has close links with Walsall FC, has 700 playing members.

Paul Thorogood, Football Foundation chief executive, congratulated Wyrley Juniors FC and the Staffordshire County FA for their hard work and dedication.

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Award will be used to transform land into nature area

Wildlife project given Lottery funding boost

THE Big Lottery Fund has given a Staffordshire wildlife project a boost of more than £9,000 with the support of a Rugeley business.

Business and Education (Be) Together Ltd, of Lichfield Street, is the education business link consortium for Staffordshire.

They applied for funding after Perkins Engineering approached them for help for their project, entitled Perkins Wildlife Garden.

It will use the £9,150 award to develop a section of unused and overgrown private land into a nature and wildlife area. Accessible pathways and benches will be created, while new animal habitats will be expanded.

It will also provide a new learning resource for local schools and groups.

Pete Walthorne – hopes

by SARAH HAZELWOOD

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The funding which will be distributed by Be Together over the next few months came from the National Lottery's Community Wildlife Programme.

The scheme is one that helps improve rural or urban environments and aims to create more active and healthy lifestyles through nature.

Pete Walthorne, district education business co-ordinator for Be Together, hopes to see the land transformed over the next two years.

He said: "For some years the company have wanted to do something with the land and make it more accessible to the community.

"Their vision is to retain the nature on the land and keep it as wild as possible.

"When we came up with the idea to renovate the land we knew that it would take a fair amount of money, which is when we decided to approach the Lottery.

"As soon as Perkins Engineering gives us the go ahead then we shall get started on providing their project manager with the funds to be able to get the process under way.

"We want to try and get a huge workforce in place and get as much of the community involved as possible."

The project's main aim is to retain the bio-diversity of the land but make it safe for users.

Sanjay Dighe, Big Lottery Fund England Chair, said: "Our Community Wildlife programme is all about supporting projects that get people of all ages and backgrounds working together to improve and protect their local wildlife.

"This funding will enable people across the Midlands to enjoy the natural environment and help protect and preserve local habitats and threatened wildlife for future generations."

Team supervisor Jo Mellor promotes the job seekers event at Cannock Library

Help from library in finding new career

JOB seekers can forge a new career with the help of a Cannock Library initiative.

Work Club Wednesdays start at the Manor Avenue library on January 19, where people can share experiences and find books on CV writing and interview techniques. People can also search the internet for work, learn about debt management and setting up a business.

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RAT PACK FOLLOWS CIRCUS OF HORRORS

THE Lichfield Garrick kicks off the new year with two very different shows next week – with the Rat Pack following the Circus of Horrors.

Following on from the huge success of The Asylum and The Day of the Dead, The Circus of Horrors has had a major revamp and is back,rockin' and shockin' with its brand new show The Four Chapters from Hell.

The show will travel though all four of The Circus of Horrors' incarnations, beginning in a French Asylum where the inmates are liberated and become the performers in the show.

After killing their leader, filled with remorse they move across to Mexico to try and revive him in the Day of the Dead celebrations.

The show then moves into 1890s Victorian London, and the Freak Show has come to town. A young girl called Ragen, born in the Asylum, is woken from her deep sleep and runs away to join the circus, before she is sacrificed by the evil and undead Dr Haze and fed to the vampires.

But vampires never die and the final twist to the story takes the audience to the year 2020, a futuristic vision of mad max style civilization, inhabited by vampires, zombies and the undead. Regan, now also undead, seeks revenge on her evil slayer, all of course with disastrous consequences.

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The Circus of Horrors will be at the Lichfield Garrick on Friday January 21 at 7.30pm. Tickets start from £18.The Circus of Horrors is not recommended for under 16s.

Meanwhile, the all-singing, all-dancing band, The Rat Pack, is heading to the Garrick on Saturday (22) from 7.30pm with its Vegas Spectacular show.

In an exciting tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, the show promises to bring classic tunes, show-dancing, comedy and laughter to audiences, as the group explore the great music of the 20th century.

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To book for either show, visit www.lichfieldgarrick.com or call the box office at the Castle Dyke theatre on 01543 412121.

Tickets still left for panto

TICKETS are still on sale for a drama society's annual pantomime, which takes place at the end of the month.

Cannock Chase Drama Society has chosen Goldilocks and the Three Bears for this year's Prince of Wales Centre performance.

It's said to be a fun-filled production which remains faithful to the original story and combines comedy and audience participation with colourful song and dance numbers.

Shows run at 6.30pm on Wednesday January 27 and 7.30pm on Thursday 28 and Friday 29.

On Saturday 30 a matinee takes place at 2.30pm, followed by a final performance at 7.30pm.

Ticket prices range from £7.50-£10 and can be booked by calling the Prince of Wales Centre's box office in Church Street on 01543 578762.

Alternatively contact society member Lisa Blakeley by emailing lisablakeley@btinternet.com or calling 01543 572683.

Pictured left are cst members Louise Hewitt, Julie Hunter and Tasha McCulloch.

Sex Pistols tribute act

A HEDNESFORD pub plays host to two rocking tribute acts this weekend.

A Sex Pistols tribute takes to the stage tomorrow night (Friday) at 9pm, with a Journey tribute band performing the following night, also at 9pm.

Tickets for both concerts are £6.

Call the Tackeroo, which is based on Bracken Close, Brindley Heath, on 01543 423124.

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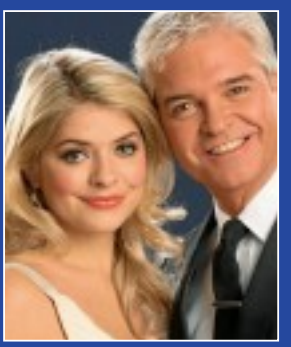

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Brand new for this year however is the exciting 'Diamond Class' programme with superior and first class hotels, very special itineraries and a superb state-of-the-art dedicated luxury coach.

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Diamond Class is designed to attract people who would not normally consider a holiday by coach and offers a very high standard of comfort, service and wonderful destinations.

Normal tour favourite destinations this year include Italy with Lake Garda maintaining its sophisticated popularity, Austria with a choice of three locations and Germany with its surprising and spectacular scenery and high standard of living.

Paris of course, continues to be one of the most spectacular cities in the world with world-famous sights and its unique atmosphere. Three-night tours stay at a Hilton Hotel with regular departures throughout the year. Summer dates include cruises to Monet's Garden and the Eiffel Tower and all visits include an underground ride and magical evening tour.

London has always been important for the many events ranging from the Ideal Home Exhibition to the German Christmas markets. The capital is well known for its sights and attractions such as the London Eye but perhaps most of all it is known for the fabulous West End musicals. There is a brilliant choice of musicals available at the moment including Jersey Boys, Dirty Dancing, Mamma Mia, Michael Jackson's Thriller, Love Never Dies and brand new shows - The Mask of Zorro and Shrek.

Coach Holidays can provide so much more holiday enjoyment as the most amazing sights in Britain and Europe can be seen and explained as you relax your way in hassle-free comfort to your hotel. Many people have become fed up of the long security process at airports and the continuing delays of flights and even cancellations.

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FRIDAY
Morning departure to Heathrow and our Marriott Hotel.

We then transfer to central London to the Prince Edward Theatre, for the brilliant performance of Jersey Boys – The Story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Our Coach will be waiting after the show to return to our Hotel.

SATURDAY
The most important meal of the day is Breakfast. Here at the Marriott you will be spoilt for choice with an array of healthy and traditional Breakfast foods.

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We depart back to the Marriott at about 6pm.

Dinner in the American Restaurant is included tonight.

SUNDAY
Take your Sunday Breakfast at leisure.

We make a lazy 10am departure to the Royal town of Windsor.

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The Manfreds, who are playing at the Prince of Wales on March 10

Who's playing at the Prince of Wales? A-ha it's the Manfreds

ACCLAIMED 1960s favourites The Manfreds are sure to get audiences on their feet at the Prince of Wales Centre later this year.

Born from the ashes of the original Manfred Mann, which split in 1969, The Manfreds call on dozens of hits from their collective individual careers as well as some Manfred Mann classics.

Original frontman Paul Jones is still with the group with his unique harmonica sound. He is joined by Mike Hugg on keyboards, Tom McGuinness on lead guitar, Rob Townsend on drums, Marcus Cliffe on bass and Simon Currie on saxophone.

Manfred Mann originally formed in 1963 and enjoyed chart success with number one hits Do Wah Diddy Diddy, Pretty Flamingo and Mighty Quinn, plus another seven top five songs.

South African-born Manfred Mann was the group's founding member, alongside Mike Hugg.

When the group disbanded he founded Manfred Mann's Earth Band while other members continued to tour under the name The Manfreds.

Paul Jones went on to form The Blues Band while Tom McGuinness, also a Blues Band member, enjoyed chart success with Hughie Flint. As McGuinness Flint, they charted with the Malt and Barley Blues.

The Manfreds play the Prince of Wales on Thursday March 10. Tickets are £18.50. To book, call the Church Street venue's box office on 01543 578762.

Summer Holiday to banish winter blues

AUDIENCES can shake off their winter blues when timeless musical Summer Holiday comes to Cannock next month.

Performed by Chase Day Service Theatrecraft, the show is labelled as full of hand-clapping, foot-stamping classics designed to get people in the holiday mood.

Featuring such popular hits as Living Doll, Bachelor Boy and of course Summer Holiday, it tells the story of young friends on holiday together for the first time, crossing Europe in a bright red London bus.

The original Summer Holiday was a 1963 film starring Cliff Richard which enjoyed huge box office success in the UK.

Several stage adaptations have been produced since then, including a national show starring Darren Day in the 1990s.

Tickets for Summer Holiday, which is showing at the Prince of Wales Centre on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 February, are £8.50.

Call the box office on 01543 578762.

Dan's the man to be headline comic

Comic Rob Deering

DAN EVANS is the headline act for a comedy night in Lichfield tonight (Thursday).

The Stroke Comedy Club, based at the George Hotel in Bird Street, puts on the popular night every month with tickets often selling out.

Evans first appeared on the comedy circuit in 1994 and shortly afterwards left a promising career as one of East Anglia's leading office menials to go full time.

As well as playing clubs and universities throughout the UK, Dan has gigged in Holland, Germany, Dubai and Ireland as well as being part of the sell-out Screaming Blue Murder Cabaret and Avalon Comedy Zones at the Edinburgh Fringe.

His TV and radio appearances include Brain Candy, Channel 5 at The Store, Channel 5 Comedy Zone and the Radio 2 Stand Up Show.

Writing credits comprise The Very World of Milton Jones, Rory Bremner Who Else? And the Eleven O' Clock Show. The opening act on the night will be television regular Rob Deering.

He exploded on to the comedy scene in 2000, reaching the Daily Telegraph Open Mic Award semi-finals, the finals of the BBC New Comedy Award and the final of the Hackney Empire New Act of the Year Competition.

The year of 2001 brought further success with Rob hosting the legendary Comedy Zone at the Edinburgh Festival.

Tickets are £12 and the show gets under way at 8.15pm.

To book, call Ken on 07816 778709.

Legends portrayed in touring rock show

ROCK 'N' ROLL is on the agenda this weekend when a renowned show comes to Lichfield.

Back by popular demand, Rockin' on Heaven's Door will play the Garrick Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

The group features portrayals of music legends Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Jerry Lee Lewis and has been touring extensively in the UK since its formation in 1997.

Backed by a five-piece band, Rockin' on Heaven's Door has played to more than a million people, including fans across Europe and the Middle East.

Tickets are £20. To book call the Garrick box office on 01543 412121.

CD launch at folk concert

A FOLK group hailing from Lichfield will launch a brand new CD during a free concert at the Guildhall next Wednesday (January 19).

Wildfire Folk, a youth folk ensemble formed two years ago by Lichfield Arts, have earned a good reputation across the Midlands and recently received a standing ovation for a performance at the Association of Festival Organisers in Nottingham.

They've also performed at the Greenhill Bower, Upton Folk Festival, FUSE Festival and the Lichfield Taste of Folk Weekend.

The new CD, Wildfire Folk, will be on sale for £5 at the Guildhall concert, which starts at 7.30pm.

The group itself is open to all young people between the ages of 11-25 who achieved a standard of Grade 2 in any instrument.

Entertainment
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JANUARY

Goldilocks and The Three Bears
Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th
Tickets from £7.50 to £10

The Manfreds
Thursday 19th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £18.50

Smackes ABBA The Show
Saturday 13th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £17

Katy Satterfield is Dusty
Friday 29th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £16, £15

The Naked Truth
Friday 27th and Saturday 28th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £17.50, £16 Concessions

FEBUARY

The Killcannys Present Fine Girl Ye Are
Tuesday 22nd - 7.30 pm
Tickets £15

Rock 'n' Roll Paradise
Friday 11th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £15

The New Squadronnaires
Sunday 13th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £18

APRIL

Tokaye Teardrops "Roy Orbison & Gene Pitney Tribute"
Friday 1st - 7.30 pm
Tickets £15

The Searchers
Saturday 2nd - 7.30 pm
Tickets £18.50

MAY

Neil Morrissey
Thursday 5th - 7.30 pm
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Friday 6th - 7.30 pm
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JUNE

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Sunday 5th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £20

Roy Chubby Brown
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd - 7.30 pm
Tickets £20

MARCH

Great American Soulbook
"Steering Ben E King & Gerry Us Bonds"
Tuesday 8th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £20

Stooleye Span
Monday 28th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £18

Roll Out The Barrel
Wednesday 27th - 2.30 pm
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Saturday 7th - 7.30 pm
Tickets £15

Back To Broadway
Friday 24th - 7.30 pm
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Saturday TV

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PREHISTORIC PLANET
(ITV1, 7pm).

Sometimes, we'll all much prefer if it's actually the explosion some engaging in our lives – after all, it would certainly liven up the day. However, each of exercise laughing more to the young stars at the heart of this episode of the – let's face it – all of the bonkers adventure series. The presenters ensure a lively tone during a Saturday Breakfast Club-style interview, and promptly kill the tension in charge. To make matters worse, when the PVC team arrives to capture the beast, to need we tell the little ones have managed to hack into the school's security system, preventing access to the building.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 10.00 Baking Made Easy. (R) 10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.40 Football Focus. 11.00 Live Snooker. The Masters. The opening best-of-7 frames to cover first of Wembley Arena. 5.40 Final Score. 6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 6.10 Hole in the Wall. Presented by Anton Du Beke. (R)

6.40 All New Total Wipeout. An adventure game show, hosted by Richard Hammond and Amanda Byrne.

7.10 The Highlanders. The three competing pairs are joined by presenter Chris Tarrant, comedian Stephen K Amos and actress Sharon Horgan to perform to take an heart of a studio audience.

8.00 The National Lottery: In Best We Do. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers.

8.30 Casualty. Ruth suspects she was raped.

9.20 Come Fly With Me. A wing installation in Malaga passengers. (R)

10.10 BBC Olympic Weekly.

10.40 Match of the Day. Including highlights of West Ham United v Arsenal; Premier League Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Including highlights of Norwich City v Cardiff City; Weather news.

6.00 BBC1 News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Gogs. (R) 10.20 That Life. 11.10 Doctor. (R) 11.40 Film: El Cid (1961) Historical epic drama, starring Charlton Heston. 2.40 The Boat Family and Me. (R) 3.10 Live Snooker: The Masters. The opening best-of-9 frames to cover first of Wembley Arena.

3.00 100 Years of the London Palladium. Famous faces reminisce about the theatre as it celebrates its centenary. (R)

3.50 Bo'Ne Away. Animals separation is threatened. (R)

4.20 Pete Postlethwaite: A Tribute. Programme dedicated to the actor, who died earlier this month. He appeared in films including The Usual Suspects, In the Name of the Father, and Brassed Off.

5.20 Live Snooker: The Masters. Presenters Hazel Irvine is joined by Steve Davis and Hazel Irvine to present coverage of the second session of the first round of the non-ranking event at Wembley Arena.

8.00 Film: Wish Dad Dead. Rob Brydon and Sarah Tabrizi star in the series.

9.45 Film: Pocket Love. Impersonation comedy about a hooker living in Hong Kong. (R)

11.45 FILM: Hot Style Goin. (2000) Drama, starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Sarah Michelle Gellar and Jason Biggs.

6.00 BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 GTK. The Potty Club. 6.30 Tomorrow's Dream. 7.00 Coronation Street. 7.30 The Morning Show. 8.00 Mark. 9.00 (T) News; Weather. 9.30 Film: Kangaroo Jack. (2003) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. 11.30 Film: Star Wars Episode II – Attack of the Clones. (2002) Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Ewan McGregor.

12.30 Rugby League Challenge Cup Final. ITV News Update. 1.00 Harry Hill's Alien Dares of TV Burp.

1.30 Pilkworth. A school comes under attack from a deadly thermophilic. Hamish Ogsmith and Anderson Lee Potts star.

2.00 Take Me Out. A former soldier, a politician, a plumber and an accountant hope to impress 60 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.

2.45 Bradburn. The gang return for a re-play at the Sedona Apartments. (R)

3.45 FILM: Here I Am Forever Yon Cheek & Lenny. (2000) Premiere. Comedy, starring Adam Sandler and Kevin James.

5.30 ITV News Update.

6.00 FILM: Here I Am Forever Yon Cheek & Lenny. (2000) Premiere. Continued.

6.30 The Story. ITV News Headlines. 7.00 The Scores. 7.30 ITV Nightscreen. 10.00 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

9.00 The Treasure People. (R) 9.30 The Hooks. (R) 10.00 The Hooks. (R) 10.30 GT Academy. (R) 11.30 Prescriptions on 4. 12.00 The Morning Line. 12.30 T4: Live and Loud. (R) 1.00 Tic Tac Toe. 1.30 Tic Tac Toe with Hot Lead. 2.00 T4: Close. 2.30 T4: Friends. (R) 3.00 T4: Friends. (R) 3.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 4.00 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 4.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.30 Come Dine with Me. (R)

9.00 Come Dine with Me. Jeremy Jones-Chantrip prepares a cool food-inspired menu. (R)

9.30 Channel 4 News.

9.35 Weighting. People who have changed habits.

10.00 Double Pub Crawl. A recipe-swapping pub adventure to end.

10.30 Superstores' Pub Challenge. An investigation into the secrets of the pub industry.

11.00 FILM: The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep.

1.00 British Comedy Awards: The Best of British. 2.00 Shameless. (R)

2.30 Shameless. (R) 3.00 Coming Up: Half Term. (R) 3.30 Rise of a Live and Loud. (R) 4.00 Dirty Soap Money. (R) 4.30 Beaches & Slates. (R) 5.00 Beauty and the Geek. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

9.00 Milkshake! 9.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.00 The Silver Rhinoh Mystery. (R) 10.30 Film: The Fabulous Baker Boys. (1989) Western, starring James Stewart. 12.15 Film: Mary Higgins Clark's Lucky Day. (2002) Thriller, starring Amanda Donohoe. 2.00 Film: Steel Magnolias. (1989) Drama, with Sally Field and Julia Roberts. 4.00 Film: Chicken Little. (2005) Western, starring Gene Wilder.

5.00 Five News.

5.30 11 Cities. A Marine colonel is killed in an explosion. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

6.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Catherine and Warrick search a dorm chair for clues to the identity of a body uncovered by a trash flood and make another grisly discovery – bone fragments from a missing victim. (R)

7.30 CSI: NY. Adria witnesses a murder on a video chat website, and the team have to pursue the original owner of the victim's laptop when it goes missing from her apartment.

8.30 CSI: Miami. A swimming star is stalked and her boyfriend murdered. (R)

9.30 FBI Files. The FBI's crime laboratory. (R)

10.30 Super Casino. 11.00 Divine Designs. (R) 11.30 Made in Movements. (R) 12.00 Hamish Hotshot. (R) 12.30 The Militaire Show. (R) 1.00 Thomas & Friends. (R) 1.30 Rory the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.30 Harry Hill's Alien Dares of TV Burp. 4.00 Film: Bean. (1997) 6.00 The Brits 2010 Launch. 7.00 Film: Daddy's Pride. (2007) 8.00 Film: The Unborn. (2009) 10.00 Film: Deep Blue Sea. (1999)

ITV3
7.00 Fighting Talk. 8.00 Inspector Morse. 9.00 Rosemary & Thyme. 10.00 Whoever I Am. Crime drama. A man could regain a spate of killings. 11.00 Murder in Suburbia.

ITV4
6.00 Premiership Rugby. 8.00 Rugby Special. 9.00 The Professionals. 10.00 Wheel of Fortune. 10.30 Film: Fire, Ice and Dynamite. (1990) Action. A man could regain a spate of killings. 11.00 Murder in Suburbia.

BBC THREE
7.00 Most Annoying People. 2010. 8.00 Top Gear. 9.00 Live at the Apollo. 10.00 Film: The Inbetweeners. (2011) Comedy. Will and Simon Bird star. 11.30 Family Guy.

BBC FOUR
7.00 Dr. Pacific. 8.00 The Hit: The Modern Age of Classical Music. 9.00 Spring Live. 10.00 The Politics. 11.00 Mary of Scotland. 12.00 The Magic of Tchaikovsky. 1.00 Wonderful Days. 2.00 Classical Voices. 3.00 Family Guy.

E4
6.25 Hollyoaks. 6.55 Lick It Or Break It. 7.30 Friends. 8.00 Glee. 9.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 How I Met Your Mother. 10.00 Friends. 10.30 Glee. 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 How I Met Your Mother. 12.00 Friends. 12.30 Glee. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 How I Met Your Mother. 2.00 Friends. 2.30 Glee. 3.00 The Big Bang Theory. 3.30 How I Met Your Mother. 4.00 Friends. 4.30 Glee. 5.00 The Big Bang Theory. 5.30 How I Met Your Mother. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Glee. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 7.30 How I Met Your Mother. 8.00 Friends. 8.30

Sunday TV

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Choice

DANCING ON ICE (ITV1, 6.35pm).

Action hits up and down the country as a superb visitor roster knows Holly Willoughby's executed top wardrobe pick up for discussion, and the Philip Schofield boosted ratings?

Tricked pre debuts again gathers momentum, Danielle got the first go to shine, a mini movie a long overdue and welcome return to mind and to see who will emerge this year's Todd Carty of the group dragged along the ice by their professional counterpart. Tune in to find out which of the remaining eight celebrities will go on to clinch a place in the competition after making it through the dreaded Vote.

BBC1

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Chirk Hall in Norfolk, where they assess finds including a 300-year-old treasure box and a pair of discarded postcards. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Adam Henson and Ellie Harrison visit the Duddon Valley in Cumbria.

8.00 Last Alive on Southbank. Period drama starring Victoria Hamilton, Chris Hallam, Ben Aldridge and Julia Sawalha.

9.00 Sun. The Ministry turns to Zammo when a rich industrialist's wife is at connections to kidnapped – but the detective's overzhic hindered by the involvement of Lovett, Cindy Lee and the service.

10.30 BBC Election Regional News Magazines.

10.35 Week at the Dog. Individual highlights of Liverpool v Everton.

11.15 Film: Noodle Things. (1999) Horror starring Ed Harris, Wednesday Addams, Bryan Brown, Holly Daly. (R) 12.50 Making Scotland's Landscape. (R) 1.45 BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 Cheddar. 9.30 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 10.30 Film: 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) 12.00 Film: The Long Duel. (1967) Period adventure, starring Trevor Howard. 1.50 Live Cricket: The Ashes. The opening session of the first of Wembley Arena. 5.45 Sid Sackup. 5.55 Film: Legally Blonde. (2001) Comedy starring Reese Witherspoon.

7.00 Jamie's Dirty Secrets. The presenter travels to build the world's largest model railway track. (R)

8.00 Live Cricket: The Ashes. Highlights of the second day of the second and concluding session of the first of Wembley Arena where the first players to reach 10 frames will be crowned champion.

11.00 Horse Hospital. Michelle Williams, Goldie, Professor Green and Mike Jupp discuss Noel Fielding and Matt Appleby. (R)

11.30 Film: Brick by Brick. (2007) Premiere. Prize-funded drama following the trials that erupted during demonstrations at the 1990s World Trade Organisation meeting. With Charlize Theron, Woody Harrelson and Ray Liotta.

1.05 Five Days of Wine and Roses. (1962) Satirical drama, starring Jack Lemmon. 3.35 BBC News. 3.45 Close.

ITV1

6.00 GTV: The Fluffy Club. 7.00 Toonattik. 7.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.00 The Biggest Loser. (R) 10.00 The Morning Sunday. 12.00 Dinner Date. (R) 1.00 ITV News Weather. 1.10 Film: Columbo: Blade in Blood. (1993) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and John Cassavetes. 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 4.00 Regional Programmes. 4.30 ITV News Weather.

5.00 Harry Hill's Alien Bum of TV Burp. (R)

5.30 Dancing on Ice. Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the second preliminary round in which the public choose the line-up for this year's contest. The results can be seen at 6.00pm.

6.10 Lily Allen & the Rhythm Dancing. Applies for the prestigious role of dame set.

7.00 Dancing on Ice: The Results. The three least popular couples have to skate again.

10.15 The Sunday Night Show. Adrian Chiles is joined by Frank Skinner and Maryland Mountford.

10.45 ITV Stand Up Week.

11.00 Comedy Roadshow Live. Stand-up comedy and music by an act currently in the charts. (R)

11.40 Cops with Cameras. (R) **12.10** The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 12.20 Coronation Road. (R) 12.30 ITV Nightscreen. 12.35 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Hodgs. (R) **6.05** Grand London Swim. (R) **7.00** That Peculiar Show. (R) **8.00** Tic Friends. (R) **8.30** Tic Friends. (R) **9.00** Tic Hollyoaks. **10.00** Tic Glee. (R) **11.00** Tic The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** Tic The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **12.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Amish: Path Supper. **3.30** Deal or No Deal. **4.00** Film: School of Rock. (2003) Comedy, starring Jack Black.

7.00 Jamie's Fish Suppers. Lastin the series.

8.00 Channel 4 News.

8.30 Hollyoaks. A woman discovers her connection to Gilmore.

9.00 Jamie's Fish Suppers. A compilation of Jamie Oliver's top recipes.

9.30 Gordon Ramsay: Shark Bite. The chef investigates the commercial shark fishing industry.

10.30 Could I Get it Mrs Burden. How can the O parallel discusses his career interviews with Bl Smiley. The next episode, with Lee Mack, can be seen to reserve on at 11.00pm.

10.50 Shameless. (R)

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Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Pepper Pig. **6.30** Peppa Pig. **6.40** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.50** Postman Pat. (R) **6.55** Mister Maker. Sunny Fresh Friends. (R) **7.00** The Diego. (R) **7.30** Mio Mao. (R) **7.55** Dino. (R) **8.10** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **8.30** Dora and Friends: Great Adventures. (R) **9.00** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **9.10** The Wotwots. (R) **9.20** Little Princess. (R) **9.30** Pingu. (R) **9.40** The Adventures of Bubble Top Bill and His Best Friend Cody. (R) **9.50** Family Fortunes. (R) **10.00** Rupert Bear. (R) **10.30** Ghost. (R) **10.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **11.00** The Mitchell and Webb Show. (R) **11.30** Zoo Days. (R) **12.00** Megastructures. (R) **1.00** Pirates of the Caribbean: The True Story. (R) **2.00** Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Tales. (R) **3.00** Film: Three Ninjas Kick Back. (1994) Family action adventure, starring Max Elliott, Sarah Lassez. **5.00** Five Guests: Dead and Loving It. (2006) Spoof horror, starring Leslie Nielsen. **5.30** Five News. **6.00** Film: Legally Blonde. (2001) Solid thriller, starring Michael York.

7.00 Film: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy starring Ice Cube.

9.00 Film: Bad Boys II. (2003)

11.30 Rihanna: Live in Concert at Belfast's Odyssey Arena. (R)

12.30 Supercasino. **1.00** Drive Designs. (R) **1.30** Made in Manchester. (R) **2.00** Home Heroes. (R) **2.30** The Mitchell and Webb Show. (R) **3.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **3.10** Rosie and Jim. **3.20** Postman Pat. (R) **3.30** Rosie and Jim. **3.40** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **3.50** Postman Pat. (R) **3.55** Mister Maker. **4.00** Sunny Fresh Friends. (R) **4.10** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **4.30** Dora and Friends: Great Adventures. (R) **5.00** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **5.10** The Wotwots. (R) **5.20** Little Princess. (R) **5.30** Pingu. (R) **5.40** The Adventures of Bubble Top Bill and His Best Friend Cody. (R) **5.50** Family Fortunes. (R) **6.00** Rupert Bear. (R) **6.30** Ghost. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** The Mitchell and Webb Show. (R) **7.00** Zoo Days. (R) **7.30** Megastructures. (R) **8.30** Pirates of the Caribbean: The True Story. (R) **9.30** Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Tales. (R) **10.30** Film: Three Ninjas Kick Back. (1994) Family action adventure, starring Max Elliott, Sarah Lassez. **12.00** Film: Dumb Dead and Loving It. (2006) Spoof horror, starring Leslie Nielsen. **1.30** Five News. **2.00** Film: Legally Blonde. (2001) Solid thriller, starring Michael York.

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ITV2

6.00 Film: Bob Billy & The Rocket. (1997) 8.00 The Mr Cat. 8.45 Film: Tucker. (1988) 9.00 Dad Cars. The gang returns for a pre-stag at the Bolero Apartments. 10.00 Film: The Dukes Hazzard. (2005)

ITV3

6.55 Film: Wesley and the Bandit. (1972) 8.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot. 10.30 The Return of Sherlock Holmes. 12.00 Forest War. 12.00 Agatha Christie's Marple.

ITV4

2.30 Film: The Curse of the Golden Cat. (1992) 4.00 Film: The Rich Kinds. (2004) 7.00 The Sweeney. 8.00 Film: Jackie Quick. Film Notes. (1979) 10.00 International Six-Day Cricket Tournament. Australia v India, Day 3. (2010)

BBC THREE

7.00 Walker X Crowd: The Cross Thickens. 7.30 Walker X Crowd: A Cross Game. 8.00 Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. (2008) 10.30 Family Guy. 11.00 Americas Next Top Model. 12.00 Extreme Celebrity Detention.

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Horses. 8.00 Dan Snow's Hidden Treasures. 9.00 Johnny Vegas's Year with the Devil. 9.40 Film: Among Giants. (1998) 11.30 Film: Le Diner de Cons. (1998) 12.15 The Godfather of Rock 'n' Roll – Screen Legends Trilogy.

E4

2.40 Idiot Box Overall. 3.00 Film: Dear Dead Delilah. (1972) 4.30 Friends. 7.00 Friends. 9.00 Film: Pitch at a Pal-4. (2004) 11.00 The Joker Files. (2005)

FILM4

2.00 Lifeboat. (1944) 4.00 Raptors. (1995) 7.00 The Quiet Man. (1952) 9.30 Black Swan Special. 9.00 Children. (2005) 11.05 The Truth About Gabriel Dias. (1970)

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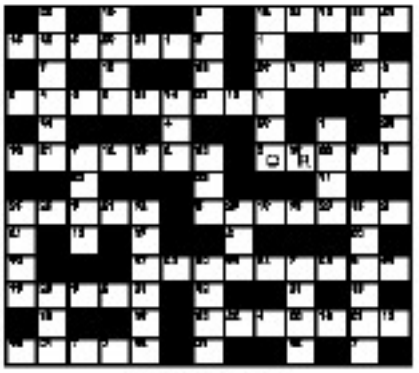

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Double Crossword

Crossword fun quicker cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Associate in the motor skills (4)
9. An impressive way to go without a medication (3,2,2)
10. Intensified in the spanish quest (6)
11. Identity, in terms to motion-picture outlay (9,6,4,4)
12. Is-against-including (5)
14. Unincentive between objects (6)
15. Hidden in land, perhaps (6)
17. In or E. Benevolent mis-enunciate (6)
18. Cupcake rich should go round many enough (4)
19. Ring (5)
21. It's 3 RP (5,5), from mid-February (10)
23. Its when in reality, (2,5,4,3) (4)

Down

2. Increase the rate (10)
3. A place with misery (4)
4. Affects one in the arteries (9)
5. They are identified by the wrong eyes (6)
6. Informal fashion to obtain (6)
7. Hats not for both (4)
8. Solid new wife tall uneven in an anomaly (10)
13. Thing is making money (9)
16. Has requisite by unsaying ritual by an outstanding planet (6)
17. Affirmation upheld by ceremonial intent (6)
19. Additional grade in the Middle East (4)
20. Plays a relation (on (4)

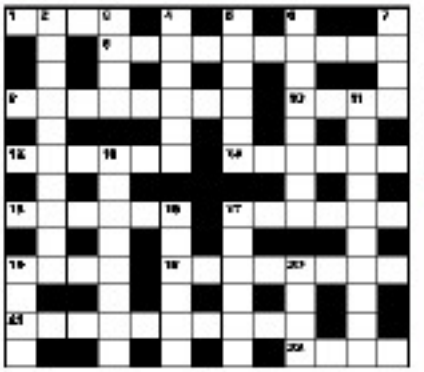
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Umpire (4)
9. Ashtrays (10)
10. Example (6)
11. Unaware (4)
13. Utensils (9)
14. Gives to animals (5)
16. Hidden guitarists (5)
17. Spanish customary (5)
18. Knit an insect (4)
19. Wisdom (6)
21. Monstrous (10)
23. Uncultivated (4)

Down

2. Expressions (10)
3. Spotting (4)
4. Summer (6)
5. The other (5)
6. Lack of control (5)
7. Hurt (4)
11. Rocks down (10)
12. Examination (9)
15. Rotten fruits (10)
17. Down (5)
18. Relative (4)
20. Tropics (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Aware, 4 Dragon, 8 Hands, 9 Bender, 10 Award, 12 Expert, 13 Family Man, 15 Wanna, 16 Rural, 18 Ward, 20 Alive, 22 Bonus, 23 Outlaw, 24 Bonus, 25 Rule, 26 Pebble, 27 Parade, 28 Patron, 29 Outward, 30 Offend, 31 Rotate.

DOWN: 1 Awful, 2 Ware, 3 Rarely, 4 Dandy, 5 Gender, 6 Nasty, 7 Nest, 11 Dead, 14 Nature, 17 Nobody, 19 Rebuff, 21 Vendor, 22 Bonus, 23 Omen, 24 Bonus, 25 Rule, 26 Pebble, 27 Parade, 28 Patron, 29 Outward, 30 Offend, 31 Rotate.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

	8	5			1			9
2	6			5	3		8	
		1				7	5	
				9	4		2	
7		3				1		
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8			6			9		

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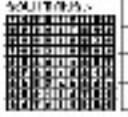

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and how is the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Tim Prottey-Jones, right, and above when he appeared as Jesus at the Grand Theatre

How Tim went all of a Twitter to find singers to back album

Former music student Tim Prottey-Jones tells **LEON BURAKOWSKI** how a number of rising singing stars helped him realise his songwriting dream

A SONGWRITER from Birmingham has won the support of some of the West End and Broadway's rising stars on a new album which showcases his songs.

Former Wolverhampton University music student Tim Prottey-Jones, who lives in Edgbaston, has an amazing array of vocal talent on his debut release, More With Every Line.

The line-up of guest singers on his album is akin to an Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacular, and features three young singers who first found fame on Lloyd Webber's TV search for a Nancy for Oliver!, I'd Do Anything.

That includes current star of Wicked in the West End, Northern Irish singing sensation Rachel Tucker; Eponine in the current London cast of Les Miserables and recent Royal Variety star Samantha Barks; and I'd Do Anything runner-up Jessie Buckley, an Irish 21-year-old who is gaining a reputation as an exceptional jazz singer while also studying at RADA.

"Their support has blown me away," said Tim, who is originally from Droitwich Spa. "I got in touch with them via Twitter or Facebook and then I sent them demos of my songs. I didn't dare dream I would get such a positive response."

Tim plays all the instruments on the album but collected the vocals over six months, juggling his aspiring showbiz career with his day job at community music charity Sound It Out.

Former Hear'Say and West End Grease star Noel Sullivan was first on board and then Barks, before she won her current role in Les Mis, and the last to contribute was Tucker, taking time out in September from her busy schedule in the green make-up as Elphaba.

Four singers who recorded for Tim Prottey-Jones, from left: Rachel Tucker, Samantha Barks, Jessie Buckley and Colleen Ballinger

"I would travel down to London with my own recording gear and set up in my friend's apartment in Islington and they would come to the apartment to record their vocal," says 30-year-old Tim.

"I think it may have seemed a little strange to them but they liked the friendly atmosphere and they liked the songs. The vocals are amazing."

The Americans recorded their vocals at a studio in New York between Broadway performances. The others singers taking part are: Louise Dearman, currently playing Glinda in Wicked in London; Daniel Boys, who featured in TV Joseph search Any Dream Will Do; Tittuss Burgess, an American tenor who starred in Disney's The Little Mermaid on Broadway; Victoria Hamilton-Barritt, currently playing the lead as Alex in the West End production of Flashdance The Musical; Broadway leading men Aaron Lazar and Drew Sarich; and former S Club 7 singer Jon Lee with his Tomorrow Morning co-star Julie Atherton.

One of the most surprising recruits to the album is Colleen Ballinger, better known by the name of the internet phenomena she created on YouTube, Miranda Sings, in which a hopeless wanna-be murders famous songs. To sing that bad you have to be able to sing good too.

The singers showed their support in another way, performing for no fee or next-to-nothing, a humbling display of support that has fuelled Tim's desire to pursue a career in musical theatre.

He comes from more of a rock background, since living in Walsall while studying at the university campus, he has drummed in various rock bands. But he was drawn to musicals via his love of Lloyd Webber's music for rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar, a devotion which saw him joining West Bromwich Operatic Society to play the role of Jesus at the Grand Theatre and the Alexandra Theatre last year

The collection of songs on More With Every Line are drawn from two musicals that he has written, Once Bitten and After The Turn, and he has already started planning a second album of his songs with guest singers. He has a 'wish list' of vocalists he hopes to get involved in the latest project, topped by Les Mis star John Owen Jones.

Now it's just a matter of waiting to see if Tim's songs reach enough of the right ears to make his showbiz dream come true.

More With Every Line is available to download from iTunes, or the CD can be ordered from Amazon or London musical theatre store Dress Circle.

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If you die without a will (intestate), your estate will be distributed in accordance with strict rules of law.

Ensure that your wishes are followed by creating a legally binding will

Estate

This may not necessarily reflect your individual wishes or intentions and may leave a trail of misery and potential conflict.

The rules of law relating to the distribution of your estate if you die without having made a will dictate who will administer your estate and who will benefit (and to what extent they will benefit) from it.

For example, if you are survived by a spouse or civil partner and children, the spouse will receive your personal possessions, a sum of £250,000 and the right to receive the income from half of the remaining estate.

The other half will pass to the children immediately.

You may have wished for your spouse or civil partner to have inherited most of your estate, if not the whole, in order for him/her to maintain their usual standard of living and be adequately provided for.

Further, if the estate is large enough, it is possible for an inheritance tax liability to arise since part of the estate passes to the children who, unlike the spouse or civil partner, are not exempt for inheritance tax purposes.

The rules make provision to provide for other relatives who may benefit from the estate such as parents, brothers and sisters of the whole blood, brothers and sisters of the half blood, grandparents and even aunts and uncles.

If you are not survived by any blood relation, the law is at a loss and so provides that your property passes to the Crown, Duchy of Lancaster or Duchy of Cornwall. It must be noted that these rules do not make any provision for a cohabitee to benefit.

Personal

How often do we hear people say that they do not need to make a will as they feel they do not have much to give?

None of us know what we are going to be worth when we die but most of us have a house and some personal possessions; by making a will, you can ensure that both your home and personal possessions are inherited by people who you wish, thus avoiding conflict and arguments upon your death. Have you ever considered what will happen to your children if they are minors and lose both their parents?

By making a will, you can ensure that they are in safe hands by appointing legal guardians for them. This is not a provision that the rules of law, if you die without making a will, cater for.

By simply making a will, you can also ensure that the administration of your estate and any trusts arising therefrom is handled by a person (or persons) of your choice whom you can trust and is capable of shouldering the responsibility.

Otherwise, the law will dictate who is entitled to administer your estate.

A properly drafted will is the way to finding security, reassurance and peace of mind and ensure that your family members receive what you want them to have upon your death.

Depending upon your circumstances, it could also be used to mitigate any potential inheritance tax liability.

Most importantly, you stay in control making decisions which affect your financial and family circumstances.

Dealing with loss is a slow process

BEREAVEMENT is a distressing but common experience. Sooner or later most of us will suffer the death of someone we love. Yet in our everyday life we think and talk about death very little.

We grieve after any sort of loss, but most powerfully after the death of someone we love. It is not just one feeling, but a whole succession of them, which take a while to get through and which cannot be hurried.

In the few hours or days following the death of a close relative or friend, most people feel simply stunned, as though they cannot believe it has actually happened. They may feel like this even if the death has been expected.

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Emotional

This sense of emotional numbness can be a help in getting through all the important practical arrangements that have to be made. However, this feeling of unreality may become a problem if it goes on too long.

For many people, the funeral or memorial service is an occasion when the reality of what has happened really starts to sink in. It may be distressing to see the body or attend the funeral, but these are ways of saying goodbye to those we love.

Soon though, this numbness disappears and may be replaced by a dreadful sense of agitation, of pining or yearning for the dead person. There is a feeling of wanting somehow to find them, even though this is clearly impossible. This makes it difficult to relax or concentrate and it may be difficult to sleep properly. Dreams can be very upsetting.

Some people feel that they 'see' their loved one everywhere they go – in the street, the park, around the house, anywhere they had spent time together.

People often feel very angry at this time – towards doctors and nurses who were unable to prevent the death, towards friends and relatives who did not do enough, or even towards the person who has, by dying, left them.

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Property millionaires reach new level

ALMOST a quarter of a million homeowners are "property millionaires" because they occupy homes which have broken through the seven-figure barrier, says a new analysis.

According to the property website Zoopla.co.uk, an additional 12,800 property millionaires were created in 2010, equivalent to 35 each day - despite the subdued nature of the housing market.

One in every 118 homes is now worth £1 million or more, a total of 226,344 – compared with one in 97 when the market peaked in summer 2007. But they tend to be strongly concentrated in the southern half of the country.

In London, the South East and East of England, the percentage of property millionaires grew by double digits throughout 2010. London and the South East account for four in every five (79 per cent) million-pound homes in Britain, with London providing 54 per cent of the total.

But in Wales and Yorkshire and the Humber, the ranks of property millionaires halved over the past 12 months. Scotland saw its property millionaire ranks fall by 13.7 per cent and the number of Welsh property millionaires fell by a staggering 48.8 per cent.

London is also home to nine of the top 10 areas in Britain with the highest proportion of homes worth £1,000,000-plus, led by Kensington (W8) where more than half (52 per cent) of all homes are worth more than £1 million. The only area outside London making the top 10 was Virginia Water in Surrey (GU25) where 30 per cent of homes are in the million-pound-plus bracket.

Nick Leeming of Zoopla.co.uk said: "The North versus South wealth divide is now starker than ever. Property values have recovered well at the top end of the property market but the rest of the market and particularly the North have seen a steep decline in high-end property values.

"The prime market in the South has been impacted far less by the mortgage squeeze as a result of the inflow of foreign money and the strength in the City keeping demand for million-pound pads at peak levels."

Home dates back to Victorian times

Cross & Co is handling the sale of this mid-terrace

AGENTS marketing a reduced two-bedroomed Victorian style mid-terraced home in Cannock are recommending internal viewing to fully appreciate the value of accommodation on offer.

Number 129 Cannock Road is situated in a popular part of the town within easy reach of local amenities including shops, school and transport links. With gas central heating and double glazing, the property is on the market for £87,950 through Cross & Co.

Entry is into the lounge, which has an open style feature fireplace and ceiling coving. The separate dining room measures 12ft 3in x 11ft 3in and includes an inset fire with feature surround and a storage cupboard.

In the gallery-style kitchen, there's a range of fitted wall, drawer and base units, rolled-edge worksurfaces, a stainless steel sink and drainer, space for an oven and fridge freezer, plumbing for a washing machine, tiled splashbacks and flooring, beamed ceiling and door leading to the rear garden.

The main bedroom faces the front and has ceiling coving, a storage area and door leading to the second bedroom, which has a storage cupboard housing the boiler. There's a WC, pedestal wash basin and panelled bath with shower over in the family bathroom, which is located on the first floor.

Outside, the property is set back behind a wall and is approached via a shared walkway with steps leading up to the front door.

The rear garden has a shared access courtyard providing off-road parking for two cars and leads to an enclosed panel fenced rear garden with a lawned area, shrub borders and two sheds.

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A uPVC double-glazed front door opens into an entrance hallway with Amtico wooden flooring, an alarm panel and door to a downstairs WC.

The lounge has a bespoke stone fireplace with inset gas fire on a marble hearth, ceiling coving, understairs storage and double doors to the dining room, which has a decorative dado rail, ceiling coving and French doors opening onto the rear garden.

In the adjoining study, there's a range of built-in office furniture, ceiling coving and a useful storage cupboard.

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The breakfast kitchen features a comprehensive range of wall and base mounted units, worksurfaces, a corner acrylic sink unit with mixer tap, stainless steel electric oven with five ring gas hob and extractor hood over, space and plumbing for a dishwasher and washing machine, wall mounted plate racks, Amtico flooring and doors to the dining room and rear garden.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a decorative dado rail, ceiling coving and en suite shower room with a walk-in cubicle, pedestal wash basin, WC, laminate flooring and ceiling coving.

There are two further bedrooms and a family bathroom, which comprises a shaped spa bath with power shower over, built-in vanity unit with storage, WC, heated towel rail, laminate flooring and ceiling coving.

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To enable potential sellers to make the most of this demand the NAEA has the following tips:

● Presentation is all important: Some 45 per cent of NAEA members say that tidying up clutter is the best way to increase saleability.

Making sure that the garden is well presented and redecorating are also factors which are likely to improve the attractiveness to would-be buyers.

The first impression is often the one that counts, so ensure your home looks welcoming from the outside too.

You could also consider an open day to showcase your home to several buyers at once, which may ensure a sale, and which also presents a great opportunity to display your home at its best.

Installing a new kitchen is seen as an effective way of increasing the value, as well as performing a loft conversion.

However, sellers must bear in mind that the average price of properties in the local area will dictate the maximum price your home can achieve.

It's worth researching similar properties in your local area first before carrying out any work.

● Make a sensible valuation: With so few properties on the market, it is crucial for sellers to ensure that the valuation placed on your home is competitive in the current market conditions. It is crucial that you get an accurate valuation of your home.

As well as decreasing the chance of selling your home, mortgage advisers may refuse mortgage finance for would-be buyers if they believe the asking price is not a sensible one.

● Energy efficiency: With the Government Green Deal due to introduce incentives for homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their home, this issue will remain an important one for sellers to bear in mind.

● Choose the professionals: When deciding on the estate agent to sell your home, we know that there are many operating on the high street.

However, only NAEA members can provide the knowledge and professionalism required to give you peace of mind.

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Underfloor heating is ideal in the bathroom or the kitchen

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Why it will pay you to prepare for more cold

We have just experienced the coldest December in a century and the Federation of Master Builders is advising homeowners how to look after their property this winter and save money in the process.

External affairs director Brian Berry said: "It makes sense that you are prepared in advance.

"Buy a bag or two of sand or grit so you can make sure you can keep your paths and driveway ice free – just be careful when gritting in slippery conditions.

"It might also be worth keeping a shovel in easy access in case you need it to clear a path through the snow, although remember never to leave shovels or tools in view as they tempt thieves to use them to gain access to your home."

He added: "Thieves also like a dark house so make sure you have good security lights. If you don't already have any external light ask a local electrician to fit one for you.

Topped

"If you already have one make sure it is in good working order to welcome guests to your home."

He also urged people to make sure their insulation was up to scratch so homes stay warm and bills are kept to the minimum.

"According to the Energy Saving Trust (EST) installing 270mm of insulation in a loft with no insulation will save you around £145 on heating bills a year," he said.

"If you already have 50mm of insulation and you topped this up to 270mm, the saving would be around £40 per year.

"Similarly you need to make sure your pipes are well insulated. Not only will this save you money on your heating bills but it will also help protect the pipes against the cold weather.

Extra loft insulation will help cut your energy bills

"Even if your pipes are insulated remember you should make sure you leave your heating on for at least a few hours, even if you are away, so your pipes don't burst."

Mr Berry concluded: "Many of these jobs you can do yourself but if you do need a builder for an extra helping hand make sure you do your research and use a builder that is member of a trade association such as the federation.

"Each year homeowners in the UK lose £170m to rogue traders, according to Trading Standards.

"Just say no to anyone that turns up at your door uninvited and tries to sell their services.

"Likewise, using a builder that claims they can 'make VAT disappear' may turn out to be a false economy."

Top tips for finding a builder:

1. Be specific and prepare a detailed brief. Be as clear as you can about what you want, this can make a huge difference to quotes.
2. Ask friends, family and neighbours if they can recommend a builder they have recently used. Alternatively check the builder website (www.fmb.org.uk/findabuilder). And don't be afraid to ask for references or to speak to previous clients.
3. Get at least three quotes. When you are ready to decide, don't just go with the cheapest, consider communication and quality too.
4. Use a contract. You can download free contracts on the FMB website (http://www.fmb.org.uk/find-a-builder/free-contracts/).
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Making waves at home and abroad

When buying abroad, it pays to take the advice of professionals such as Red Cove

Linda is committed to solving problems and helping people fulfil their dreams

MANY people dream of owning a home abroad, but this can turn into a nightmare without the right guidance and expert help.

This is where experts such as Linda Whitehouse come in. Already the owner of a successful Staffordhire-based property company, she has also been an independent overseas property consultant for many years, trading under the name Red Cove.

She says: "We pride ourselves on giving a total service from start to finish. At Red Cove, we know that Spain is still the number one destination for investors buying abroad."

Having dealt with overseas properties for such a long time, Linda's reputation is very well established.

So much so, that she's led seminars worldwide on overseas property ownership.

She looks after clients ranging from couples, groups and individuals wanting to buy investment properties, to dealing with clients who are in distress with overseas ownership or are facing repossession.

Expert Linda Whitehouse has been an independent overseas property consultant for many years

Because Linda has such a long established background in property investment and ownership, she works regularly with clients who want to sell, and this puts her in good stead for fulfilling the needs of investors.

In just two cases, she has managed to secure the best price for a couple making a distress sale after being badly advised, and was able to assist another couple dispense with a holiday property they'd not had chance to enjoy but had owned for many years, and assist them with securing another in a more accessible region.

And it's not just about solving problems, according to Linda. It's about helping people fulfil their dreams. She was recently contacted by yet another couple she had previously helped with an overseas propety purchase and they were so delighted with her service, that they asked her to secure another home and have referred her to others.

Linda is able to source the best properties in areas where there is future potential and growth, which means that the investment or holiday property value is likely to grow beyond market predictions.

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She also has a mass of legal and financial contacts in many countries, and in some she has exclusive agency rights with selected banks and mortgage lenders. For those who decide to go it alone, there can be drawbacks.

Linda explains: "Scour the internet and you will find overseas properties but might not have the expertise in legal requirements in those countries. Go with a developer and you're confined to a smaller selection of developments and might find inflated prices. The DIY route to overseas property ownership is littered with potential problems and it makes sense to use the services of an experienced consultant. Our job is to ensure you buy and sell with safety and make the best of any situation or opportunity."

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Conifers outlined by snow to show branches looking rather splendid

Picturesque – snow transformed the garden into a winter wonderland

Snowcovered table and chairs look inviting from the kitchen window

The weeping beech here has grown very tall in recent years

Bleak, yet a beautiful start to another year

GARDENING WITH PAT EDWARDS

ON the first day of January I always go round my garden counting the flowers that are out.

Usually I can find about 100 different flowers, not fully fledged ones, but at least recognisable.

This year, for the first time ever, there was hardly a single one. The weather that we had in December was so awful that they had all been eliminated.

There was a fog to start with, which made the hoar frost stick to all the little branches and every twig was encircled with white. Of course the garden looked wonderful, but we soon became rather fed up with the continual whiteness.

Conifers

It grew colder and colder, and pipes froze that had never frozen before in 45 years. Fortunately, they thawed out again without actually bursting the pipes, so we were lucky. Some trees looked super, like the weeping beech, which has grown to quite a height, I had not really realised how fine it is until now.

Many of the conifers were outlined to show their branches looking rather splendid. The view from the kitchen window of the table and chairs looked quite inviting.

I thought a lot about the birds – they are so small and vulnerable – so kept putting out lumps of fat and biscuit crumbs, and of course kept the bird feeders full of nuts and seeds.

Spotted Woodpeckers came every day, and many different types of tit were always there, while the dunnet was underneath picking up the fallen bits all the time. A great big blackbird was so greedy that I scared him off several times, but he always came back. The only bird who beat him off was the Robin, who became so tame, he would come to the window to remind us.

My first job each morning was to boil the kettle and melt the ice on the bird bath, so that the birds had a good supply of water. All their usual supplies were frozen so hard that they would dehydrate very quickly.

The berries were good this year, but they quickly were eaten up.

Plants

Holly berries were marvellous, and Cotoneasters were a great standby.

Many people said that a hard winter was on the way, but I really cannot see how the plants can know that it is going to be extra cold.

The awful thing is that we are only at the beginning of January, and there could be another 2 months of the same sort of weather still to come. I certainly hope not.

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RUGELEY

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BRIDLEY BANK ROAD
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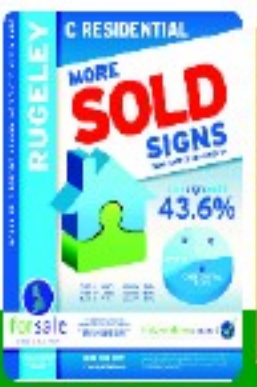

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ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY

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PURCELL CLOSE
HEATH HAYES

£249,950

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BRERETON

£249,950

PUMP LANE
ETCHINGHILL

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STONEHOUSE ROAD
ETCHINGHILL

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RUGELEY

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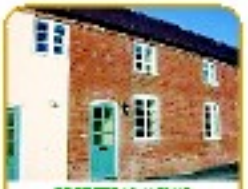

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Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes £99,950
- Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, en-suite to Master
- Allocated Parking & Security Entrance
- No Upward Chain

Pye Green Road, Cannock OIEO £79,950
- Refurbished Mid Terrace House
- Lounge, Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms & Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Rear Garden, Off Road Parking NO CHAIN

Calstock Crescent, Hednesford £115,000
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Situated in Popular Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge, Refitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Rear Garden and Off Road Parking

Cobbett Close, Huntington £126,750
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge, Refitted Kitchen
- Utility, Conservatory, Downstairs WC
- Garage and Large Off Road Parking

Rugeley Road, Hednesford £125,000
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- WITH PLANNING PERMISSION FOR TWO
- EXCELLENT PROPERTY FOR LAND ADJACENT
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining, Two Bedrooms
- Loft Room, Bathroom, Rear Garden & Parking

Rugeley Road, Hazelslade £279,750
- Substantial Detached Residence
- Delightful Plot Adjoining The Chase
- Immediate Occupancy Available
- Four Bedrooms, Two Baths
- Landscaped Gardens Extending to Approx

Pine Lodge Lane, Cannock Wood £199,950
- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- In Popular Village Location
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Range of Further Benefits Including

Paget Mews, Hednesford £94,950
- Split Level Mews House
- Situated in Popular Development
- Lounge, Dining Area & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Allocated Parking NO CHAIN

Hawthorn Road, Hednesford OIEO £99,000
- Mid Terrace House in Need of Modernisation
- Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden NO CHAIN

Hill Street, Hednesford £129,950
- Extended & Well Presented Semi Detached Home
- Located in Popular Residential Area
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen & Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Detached Garage and Off Road Parking

Gorsey Lane, Cannock £210,000
- Superb Traditional Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory and Downstairs Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms and Luxury Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Side Private Access and NO CHAIN

Apple Walk, Heath Hayes £74,950
- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom
- One Bedroom & Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking and Visitor Parking
- EXTENDED LEASE (SUBJECT TO PURCHASE) & NO CHAIN

Beaumont Drive, Cannock £84,950
- Well Presented Semi Bay Fronted Detached House
- Lounge, Refitted Kitchen and Utility
- Two Double Bedrooms & Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden & Drive NO CHAIN

Bellsplain Terrace, Cannock OIEO £89,950
- Semi Bay Fronted Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Well Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway to Front and Large Rear Garden

Allport Road, Cannock £219,950
- Spacious Well Presented Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Conservatory and Downstairs WC
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden & Garage NO CHAIN

Deerbrook Way, Rugeley £142,950
- Well Presented Link Detached House
- Corner Plot in Cul-de-sac Location
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens and DRIVE

Bellsplain Terrace, Cannock OIEO £89,000
- Very Well Presented End Terrace House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms, Downstairs Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear

Hednesford Road, Cannock £129,950
- Renovated End Terrace House With Parking
- Situated on Large Plot Of Land Close to Town Centre
- Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Loft Room & Refitted Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden, Off Road Parking NO CHAIN

Bridge Road, Hednesford £149,950
- Well Presented Extended Semi Detached House
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Front Garden and DRIVE

Mulberry Road, Cannock £79,950
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Utility
- Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Garage and Drive

Pye Green Road, Cannock £119,950
- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Three Reception Rooms, Modern Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms & Bathroom
- DRIVE, Front Garden & Rear Garden
- Ideally Located for Schools

Stiles Hill Way, Heath Hayes £119,950
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Enclosed Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking for Two Cars NO CHAIN

Greenfields Drive, Rugeley £119,950
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden & Off Road Parking

Forge Close, Cheslerfield OIEO £149,995
- Modern Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining/Kitchen, WC
- Three Bedrooms, En-suite and Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway NO CHAIN

The Mulberry Road, Mulberry £149,950
- Well presented modern semi-detached house
- Offering spacious accommodation
- Lounge, Modern Kitchen/Diner/WC
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, double driveway

Brooklyn Rise Close, Burntwood £139,000
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Conservatory & WC
- Utility & Shower Room Connected From Garage
- Three Bedrooms & Refitted Family Bathroom
- Popular Cul-de-Sac NO CHAIN

Cedarbrook Way, Cannock OIEO £121,950
- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Close Proximity to Cannock Town Centre
- Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Drive and Garage

Watling Road, Hednesford £229,950
- Refurbished Extended House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- Office/Study, Five Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- En-suite to Master and Shower Room on Second Floor
- Private Rear Garden, Mixed Aspect

Lloyd George Grove, Bolt Heys £212,500
- Well presented detached family home
- Situated in cul-de-sac location
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen, WC
- Four bedrooms, en-suite and family bathrooms
- Front and rear gardens

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BAR/RESTAURANT

THE FORGE BAR, CANNOCK

- Approx 1,211 sq ft (112.48 sq m)
- A3 Planning Consent
- Town Centre Location
- Allocated Car Parking
- Free of Tie

Rent £14,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1004/AEW

RETAIL

29 MARKET PLACE, CANNOCK

- Town Centre Retail Premises
- Ground Floor Sales Area Approx 316 sq ft
- First Floor Approx 194 sq ft
- Shared Rear Yard Area

Rent £15,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1040/AEW

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 2 BULLOCKS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CHESLYN HAY

- Detached Industrial Unit Approx 3,978 sq ft (313.4 sq m)
- Administration Offices
- Minimum Eaves Height 16ft
- Parking/Yard Area

Rent £6,000 per annum VAT as applicable
Ref: 1030/ELH

OFFICES

BEECROFT COURT, BLOCK C, CANNOCK

- Part Ground Floor Self Contained Suite
- Approx 1,806 sq ft (170 sq m)
- Open Plan Area & Individual Offices
- 7 Allocated Car Parking Spaces

Rent From £9,000 per annum plus VAT
Ref: EF/1040/ELH

BUSINESS UNITS

UNITS 3 & 4 KEY POINT, TOWERS BUSINESS PARK, RUGELEY

- Total Area Approx 9,838 sq ft (914.0 sq m)
- Ground Floor with Potential for Mezzanine Approx 5,000 sq ft (464.5 sq m)
- Minimum Eaves Height 16ft (5.0m)
- Office Accommodation, with Self Contained Ground Floor Offices & Open Plan Area, First Floor Offices & Spacious Meeting Rooms 4,838 sq ft (449.5 sq m)
- Kitchen & WC Facilities
- Heating/Air Conditioning Throughout Offices
- Burglar Alarm
- Enclosed Yard/Secure Fence
- Ample On-site Parking
- The Units may Potentially Split or Altered to Meet Individual Requirements

Price: Upon application Rent: Upon application
Ref: 1067/ELH

OFFICES

HEMLOCK HOUSE, CANNOCK

- Whole Ground Floor Suite Approx 6,000 sq ft NIA
- Individual Ground Floor Serviced Offices from 437 sq ft on Short Term Lets from £65 per week
- Double Glazed and Gas Fired Central Heating
- Car Parking
- Incentives Available

Rent: Upon Application
Ref: 1040/DEO

INDUSTRIAL

HUNTINGTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HUNTINGTON

- Two 1,800 sq ft Units Available
- Minimum Eaves Height 16ft (4.8m)
- Office & WC Facilities
- Allocated Car Parking
- Flexible Terms
- Fenced & Gated Estate including CCTV

RENT: £7,000 per annum Ex VAT each
REF: 1001/1040/ELH

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 20 LONGFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

- Detached Unit Suitable for Trade Showroom
- Mezzanine Floor Fitted
- Total Ground Area 4,568 sq ft (424 sq m)
- Enclosed Side Yard
- Rent Incentives Available Subject to Terms

Rent £40,000 Ex VAT
Ref: 1018/KBC

INDUSTRIAL

UNITS AT HAWKS GREEN, CANNOCK

- Unit 6 Newcastle Road Approx 6,150 sq ft
- Unit 8 Sheffield Road Approx 7,600 sq ft
- Unit 9 Sheffield Road Approx 4,900 sq ft
- All have Offices, WC & Kitchen Facilities
- Mezzanine Storage Area in all Units

Rent From £25,000 per annum VAT
Ref: HH/HEDC

INDUSTRIAL

ARCADIA PARK, RUGELEY

- Three Height Unit Available From 2,000 sq ft to 2,800 sq ft
- Minimum Eaves Height 5m
- Integral Office Accommodation
- Allocated Car Parking
- Fenced Communal Yard Area

Rent From: £9,000 per annum VAT
Ref: ARC/ELH

RETAIL

PARK HILL ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- Ground Floor Lock-Up Shop
- Retail Area 404 sq ft
- Stores 288 sq ft
- Popular Neighbourhood Parade
- Well Investment Opportunity
- A5 Planning Permission
- Shared Rear Service Road
- Customer Car Parking

Price: £75,000 (Seven Five Thousand Pounds) + VAT

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OFFICES

QUEEN STREET, CANNOCK

- Detached Office Building in Town Centre
- Ground & First Floor Offices
- Approximately 1,050 sq ft (98.0 sq m)
- Kitchen & wc Facilities
- Allocated Car Parking

Lease Rent £10,000 per annum VAT we apply to the Rent
Ref: 1247/QUE

RETAIL

35 STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

- Retail Butcher's Shop
- Potential for Other Uses
- GIA 1,146 sq ft (106.5 sq m)
- Currently Exempt from Business Rates

Lease Rent £6,500 per annum VAT
Ref: 1542/STR

COMPOUND/INDUSTRIAL

NORTON CANES BUSINESS PARK, NORTON CANES

- Compound Storage available from 0.0 acres (0.02 hectares)
- Industrial Units from Approx 2,108 sq ft to 8,730 sq ft
- Various Minimum Eaves Heights of 20 ft or 24 ft
- Roller Shutter Access
- Within Close Proximity of Junction 7 of M6 Toll Road.
- Flexible Terms

Lease Rent: £5,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1028/ABY

RESTAURANT

FANS CANTONESE RESTAURANT, CANNOCK

- Established Chinese Restaurant
- Approx 2,378 sq ft Over 2 Floors
- Prominent Frontage to Walsall Road
- Extensive Car Parking
- Available for Immediate Occupation

Lease £15,000 pa
Ref: 1247/WAL

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 9 RUMER HILL BUSINESS ESTATE, CANNOCK

- Unit 2,000 sq ft (185.8 sq m)
- Main Warehouse, Ground & First Floor Offices
- Car Parking
- Incentives Available

Rent: £9,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1001/RUM

INVESTMENT

ST JOSEPHS HOUSE, RUGELEY

- Town Centre Location
- Ground Floor Offices 1,060 sq ft
- Kitchen & WC Facilities
- Residential Flat on Upper Floors Approx 1,687 sq ft
- Allocated Car Parking

Price: OIEO £210,000
Ref: 1071/WEL

FACTORY/WAREHOUSE

UNIT 2 WEST COPPICE ROAD, BROWNHILLS

- Total Area Approx 9,630 sq ft (894.8 sq m)
- Ground & First Floor Office Accommodation
- Roller Shutter Access Door
- Service Yard to Rear
- Car Parking

RENT: £40,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1100/UKE

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 1, MOUNT ROAD TRADING ESTATE, BURNTWOOD

- Unit Approx 1,180 sq ft (109.6 sq m)
- Minimum Eaves Height 10 ft (3.05 m)
- Office and wc Facilities
- Allocated Car Parking

Rent: £10,500 per annum VAT are available
Ref: 1071/UNI/AE

INDUSTRIAL

UNIT 8 MIRAS BUSINESS ESTATE, HEDNESFORD

- Modern Industrial Unit Approx 6,700 sq ft (622.5 sq m)
- Ground Floor Office
- 18 Car Parking Spaces
- Rental Incentives Available - Subject to Terms

Lease From: £45,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1105/KING

OFFICES

SUITE 3 THE CHASE, POTTAL POOL

- Superb Modern Office Suite Approx 6,000 sq ft
- Open Plan & Private Offices
- Stylish Seating on Gold Course Overlooking Shotwelling Commonside
- Allocated Car Parking
- Incentives Available

Further Rent: £48,000 per annum VAT
Ref: 1086/KING

RETAIL

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- Ground Floor Retail Unit Approx 232 sq ft (25.10 sq m)
- Allocated Car Parking
- Town Centre Location

Rent: £42.50 per annum VAT
Ref: 1071/06/AUK

INDUSTRIAL

WATLING STREET BUSINESS PARK, CANNOCK

- Situated approximately 4 miles to the M6 and close to J16 Toll Road
- Unit 3C - 4,810 sq ft (602 sq m) Overall Storm Height 5m
- Ideal for Trade Counter Type Use
- Unit 3D - 1,200 sq ft (600 sq m) Overall Storm 4.00 metres
- Yard Area
- Both Units Offer Flexible Terms

Rent: £xx Per Annum VAT
Ref: 1071/WAT/LR

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Woodford End, Cheslyn Hay

£30,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

60% SHARED OWNERSHIP Ground floor one bedroom flat comprising of lounge, kitchen, shower room, off road parking and benefiting from night storage heating

Goodwood Close, Cannock

£80,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached comprising guest w.c, lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom. Outside to the property there is a rear garden and a driveway to the side. No chain

Ashworth House, Cannock

£95,000

Three bedroom duplex flat with no upward chain, comprising: kitchen, lounge diner, bathroom, under floor heating and night storage heating

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Chetwood House, Pye Bank, Cheslyn Hay

£120,950 NEW INSTRUCTION

Second floor apartment with stunning new development at Chetwood Park. Pay as little as £102,807 (Shared Equity Scheme) (Typical image shown)

Shirley Croft, Cannock

£102,950 NEW INSTRUCTION

++ NO UPWARD CHAIN ++ Semi detached property comprising, lounge, kitchen diner, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom, front and rear garden, driveway to front

Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

£104,995 NEW INSTRUCTION

TYPICAL mid terraced detached house comprising lounge diner, kitchen, bathroom with separate toilet, benefiting from central heating and double glazing. This would make an ideal first time buyer property

Bentley Close, Rothersford

£105,000

Three bedroom semi detached with large driveway and rear garage comprises kitchen/diner, lounge, conservatory, utility/w.c, bathroom, rear garden & driveway

Cannock Road, Chadsmoor

£108,000

Semi detached house comprising lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, three bedrooms, off road parking, central heating and double glazing

Trent Road, Cannock

£108,000

Three bedroom semi detached comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking, central heating and double glazing

Mill Crescent, Heath Hayes

£115,000

Modern two bedroom end terrace house comprising kitchen, lounge and bathroom. Enclosed rear garden and parking to the front. Benefiting from double glazing

Holt Crescent, Heath Hayes

£119,995 NEW INSTRUCTION

Viewing is recommended on this modern mid terrace house. Comprising: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, allocated parking, front and rear gardens.

John Street, Cannock

£120,000

Semi detached two bedroom bungalow comprising of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens and off street parking. Double glazing and central heating

Rotherfield Road, Heath Hayes

£120,000 NEW PRICE

Three bedroom end terraced house comprising of lounge/dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, rear entrance porch, rear garden, carport.

Van Gogh Close, Heath Hayes

£120,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Well presented end terraced property comprising lounge, kitchen, panelled rooms and family bathroom. Front and rear gardens with driveway to side.

Fecor Rise, Cannock

£122,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Viewing recommended on this modern semi detached. The property comprises: kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear and driveway to the side

Hunter Road, Cannock

£124,000 NEW PRICE

Three bedroom semi detached house close to Cannock centre comprising of lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory and bathroom. Double glazing and central heating

Guildsmere Close, Cannock

£124,950 NEW INSTRUCTION

Extended three bedroom semi detached property comprising: lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory and bathroom. Garden to rear and front with block paved driveway

Keats Avenue, Cannock

£125,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Traditional two bedroom end terrace property comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, rear garden and benefiting from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain.

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

£125,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A well presented three bedroom semi detached comprising lounge, fitted dining kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden, block paved driveway, benefiting from central heating and double glazing

Bridge Avenue, Cheslyn Hay

£125,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation briefly comprises of a lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom, garage and driveway. No chain

The Meadows, Cannock

£135,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Well presented modern mews property comprising kitchen, guest w.c, lounge, bathroom, two bedrooms, rear garden and allocated parking to the front. Double glazing and central heating

New Horse Road, Cheslyn Hay

£163,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow close to local amenities, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, rear garden, garage, driveway.

Staplehurst Way, Rothersford

£163,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A detached property comprising guest w.c, lounge, kitchen/diner, ensuite, three bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, detached garage and driveway. No chain

Strauss Drive, Heath Hayes

£175,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

A three storey modern comprises: kitchen, guest w.c, lounge/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, ensuite, driveway and garage, rear garden.

Bulls Close, Norton Canes

£185,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

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Tilberthy Close, Cannock

£195,000 NEW PRICE

A four bedroom detached house comprising guest w.c, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, ensuite, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking, garage.

Hill Street, Rothersford

[illegible] NEW INSTRUCTION

Fine extended detached house comprising guest w.c, lounge diner, sun room, kitchen diner, utility room, ensuite shower room, four bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, front and rear gardens

Station Road, Great Wyrley

£245,000

Detached three bedroom house comprising lounge/dining room, kitchen, gloccie, and family bathroom. Rear garden and block paved front driveway offering off road parking

Stoney Lane Road, Cannock

£263,000 NEW INSTRUCTION

Well presented detached dormer bungalow comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms, shower room, utility room and en-suite shower room. Garage, rear garden and driveway

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BELT ROAD, CANNOCK
A 2 BED DETACHED BUNGALOW

• This attractive two bedroom offers versatile living and is ideal for a family home. In brief it comprises of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Parking and Gardens. Viewing is recommended.

£139,950

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LINKSHOT DRIVE, HEATH HAYES
A 2 BED LINK DETACHED

STAR BUY - MUST BE SEEN

£130,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK
A 2 BED SEMI DETACHED

• This 3 bedroomed detached family home has been extended and has ample living space and is ideal for a family home. In brief the property comprises of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Front Garden. Well presented throughout.

£124,995

HEDNESFORD DRIVE, WYRLEY
AN EX-LOCAL AUTHORITY END TERRACE

£139,950

SHAKESPEARE DRIVE, CHESLYN HAY
A 3 BED SEMI-DETACHED

£243,000

BOND WAY, WIMBLEBURY
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

• This 3 bedroomed detached property is in need of modernisation and is ideal for investment purposes. It is situated on a good sized plot and has ample off road parking for several cars. Viewing is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

£119,950

STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

ATTENTION INVESTORS

£130,000

WANTED!
WE REQUIRE 3 BED PROPERTIES IN GREAT WYRLEY & CHESLYN HAY AREAS UPTO £175,000 BUYERS WAITING

MOUNTAIN PINE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

• This 3 bedroomed house is presently tenanted and is ideal for a family home. It is well presented throughout and benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. It is highly recommended to be an ideal investment opportunity.

£133,000

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BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES
A 2 BED SEMI DETACHED

• This property would make an ideal family home. It is located in a popular area of Norton Canes and benefits from gas central heating. It is highly recommended to be an ideal investment opportunity. Good size gardens.

£109,950

STAFFORD LANE WAY, HEDNESFORD
A 3 BED DETACHED

£109,950

PHEASANT WAY, HEATH HAYES
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

GOOD VALUE - MUST BE SEEN

OFFERS OVER £108,000

WANTED!
WE REQUIRE BUNGALOWS IN ANY LOCAL AREA UPTO £175,000 BUYERS WAITING!

CHAPEL STREET, HEATH HAYES
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

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HOLDELAND COURT, HEDNESFORD
A 2 BED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT

NO CHAIN

REDUCED £99,995

WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES
LAND FOR SALE WITH PLANNING

ATTENTION INVESTORS

OPEN TO OFFERS

BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

£125,000

OAKLEIGH CLOSE, HEATH HAYES
A 2 BED SEMI DETACHED

£119,950

CANNOCK ROAD, CANNOCK
A 2 BED END TERRACED

EXCELLENT VALUE - MUST BE SEEN

• This 2 bedroomed property would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer. The property has ample living accommodation and is ideal for two cars. Viewing is essential to appreciate the accommodation.

£87,950

BURNS STREET, CANNOCK
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

£123,000

WANTED!
WE REQUIRE PROPERTIES IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS UPTO £110,000 SEVERAL BUYERS WAITING!

WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES
A 3 BED SEMI DETACHED

STAR BUY - MUST BE SEEN

• This property offers excellent value for money. It is situated in a desirable area and benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. The property is ideally positioned to schools, shops and public transport. It has ample living accommodation and would make an ideal family home.

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- Utility room and guest cloakroom
- Generous plot with front and rear gardens
- Garaging and parking
- Summer house/study

Gentlemans Place, Cannock

£250,000

- A Detached Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- No Upward Chain
- Double Glazing & Central Heating (where specified)

Heath Street, Hednesford

£165,000

- A Semi-detached Bungalow Requiring Some Modernisation
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Conleton Way, Cannock

£210,000 NEW PRICE

- Unique detached property
- Four/five bedrooms
- Separate lounge and dining room
- First floor accessed by two staircases
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Offered for sale with no upward chain

Gorsey Lane, Great Wyrley

£150,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom With Jacuzzi
- Double Glazing And Central Heating
- Driveway And Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

PUBLIC NOTICE

Greenwood Park, Hednesford

£140,000

- A Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Through Lounge Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Driveway & Integral Garage
- Double Glazing & Central Heating (where specified)

Green Lane, Rugeley

£395,000 NEW

- A 19th Century Three Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom With Roll Top Bath And Separate Shower Cubicle
- Outside Separate Workshop
- Double Garage & Landscaped Cottage Garden

Uxbridge Street, Hednesford

Offers over £85,000

- Three Bedroom Semi-detached Property
- Kitchen/Dining
- Through Lounge
- Bathroom
- Separate Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Rugeley Road, Hednesford

OIEO £220,000

- A Detached Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Wolverhampton Road, Shareshill

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Deanvill Way, Heath Hayes

Offers over £110,000

- An End Of Terrace Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing (where specified)

Chesterfield Drive, Heath Hayes

£[illegible] NEW PRICE

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom Suite
- Rear Garden
- Driveway for Garage

Laburnum Close, Cannock

Offers Over £110,000

- Three bedroom mid-terraced house
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge and kitchen diner
- Generous rear garden
- Close proximity to Chasewater
- Well presented throughout
- Modern bathroom and separate W.C

Cheques Court, Norton Canes

£120,000

- A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property
- Entrance hall, lounge and kitchen diner
- Three bedroom and family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Front garden, off road parking, integral garage and rear garden

Chasewater Way, Norton Canes

£[illegible]

- Fully Modern
- [illegible] Lounge/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Modern Kitchen/Breakfast Facility
- Garage, Front and Rear Gardens
- Residential Area Considered

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock

Offers over £113,000

- A Detached Period Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Separate Lounge & Dining Room
- Sun Room & Summer House
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Central Heating

Dunley Drive, Hednesford

Offers Over £130,000

- A semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Through kitchen/dining room
- Lounge and study
- Converted garage
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)

Ling Road, Cannock

Offers over £[illegible]

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Shower Room/Cloakroom
- Fully Enclosed Private Garden

East Road, Brinsford

£120,000

- Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Good size rear garden
- Driveway and single garage
- Entrance hall and fitted kitchen
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Recently refitted bathroom
- Quiet and location

Gainsbrook Crescent, Norton Canes

£133,000

- A Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Through Lounge Dining Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Double Glazing & Central Heating (where specified)

St Georges Drive, Ramsley

Offers Over £[illegible]

- Three bedroomed detached house
- Open dual aspect lounge/diner
- Recently refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom suite and separate shower
- Off road parking for several cars and detached garage
- Private rear garden

Norton Grange, Norton Canes

Offers over £120,000

- Three bedroom mid-terraced house
- Fitted wardrobes to all three bedrooms
- Kitchen diner, lounge with [illegible]
- [illegible] fireplaces
- Driveway providing off-road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Well presented throughout

Millhurst Drive, Hednesford

Offers over £130,000

- Immaculate Condition
- Three Bedrooms
- Impressive Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Fitted Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing And Central Heating (With Three Zones)
- Block Paved Driveway And Garage

Beechwood Road, Norton Canes

Offers Over £[illegible]

- [illegible] Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- Kitchen

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

£125,000

- Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing And Central Heating
- Driveway

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School Lane, Cover

Offers over £90,000

- A Mobile Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Rear Garden Private
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing & Storage Heating (where specified)

Cannock Wood, Cannock

£69,950 NEW PRICE

- Two Bedroom Park Home
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Three Piece Bathroom with Shower Over Bath
- Driveway Providing Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden Enjoying an Open Aspect

Scott Street, Cannock

£90,000

- No Upward Chain
- Ground Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom

St Johns Road, Cannock

Offers over £90,000

- Circa 1940 wood clad detached
- Three bedrooms
- Dining room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory

Lime Avenue, Cannock

£69,950

- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Rear Garden
- Driveway

Heronsdale, Hednesford

Over £83,000

- A Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- Refitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing and Central Heating (Where specified)
- Offered For Sale With No Upward Chain

Wrights Avenue, Cannock

£79,950

- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Lounge and Dining Room
- Double Glazing (Where specified)
- No Upward Chain

Heather Road, Hednesford

£80,950

- No Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Central Heating and Double Glazing (Where specified)
- Off Road Parking

Heath Street, Hednesford

£79,999

- Two Bedroom Terraced
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Central Heating and Double Glazing (Where specified)

Andover Place, Cannock

OIEO £90,000

- Three Bedroom End Terrace House
- Newly Refitted Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Updated throughout
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Front Bay Window

Goodwood Close, Cannock

£79,999

- No Chain
- Updated Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Norton East Road, Cannock

£94,950

- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen Diner
- Bathroom
- Offered part way to the front
- Good size rear garden

St Johns Road, Cannock

£79,950 NEW PRICE

- No Upward Chain
- Two Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

The Pines Homes Park, Huntington

£90,000

- Two bedroom Park Home
- No upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Viewing Essential

New Street, Bridgetown

Offers Over £50,000

- No Upward Chain
- A Fully Refurbished End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom

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9 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK

£94,950 FREEHOLD

NEW PRICE

12 BIRCH AVENUE, CANNOCK

£125,000 FREEHOLD

£124,950 FREEHOLD

9 POOL MEADOW, CHESLYN HAY

£300,000 FREEHOLD

53 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- Modernised bath
- Recently fitted kitchen
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- Lounge
- Dining room
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- Double glazing
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NO CHAIN

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- Driveway
- Rear Garden

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- Kitchen/Lounge
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Communal Gardens

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HEATH HAYES
Michigan Close

- Detached
- Entrance Porch, Hall, WC
- Guest Cloak, Utility
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Walk-in Lounge
- Dining Room
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Fenced Rear Garden
- Integral Garage

£250,000

HAMMERWICH
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- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
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TO LET
Hilton Lane, Shareshill

- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden

£600 PCM

ROWLEY
Beech Drive

- Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Driveway
- Garage
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- Off Road Parking

£115,000

CANNOCK
Doe Grove

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Utility Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- GCH, DG
- Extension Planned
- Front & Rear Gardens

£114,995

CANNOCK
Hednesford Street

- Semi Detached House
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility
- Downstairs WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- GCH, Double Glazing
- Garage / Driveway
- Rear Garden

£109,995

HEDNESFORD
Belt Road

- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- GCH
- Dining Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Driveway
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Rear Garden

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CHESLYN HAY
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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH
- GRAVEL DRIVE PARKING MEADOW

£160,000

CHESLYN HAY
Cleves Crescent

- Extended Semi Detached
- Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH
- Part Double Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Double Garage & Driveway

£150,000

CANNOCK
Stoney Croft

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge / Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£149,950

CANNOCK
Pye Green Road

- Double Fronted Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH / Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Driveway

£149,995

HEDNESFORD
Brooke Road

- Double Fronted Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens

£79,000 OIRO

GREAT WYRLEY
Tower View Road

- 1st Floor Apartment
- Hallway
- Private Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Recently Fitted Suite
- GCH
- Off Road Parking

£60,000

HEDNESFORD
Golden Close

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Block Paved Parking
- Rear Garden

£94,995

BRIDGTOWN
Cross Street

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- GCH, DG
- Off Road Parking For One Vehicle
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£104,995

MEDGES ALLS
Wood Lane

- Detached
- GCH, DG
- Lounge
- Garage
- Dining Area
- Driveway
- Kitchen
- Detached Garage
- Bedroom

£230,000 O.I.R.O

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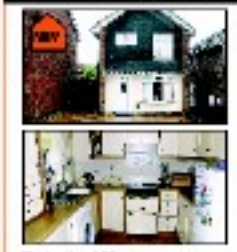

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Audi A3 Cabriolet 1.2 TFSI Sport

ROAD TEST

A tiny engine doesn't stop this soft-top from being an impressive performer, says Richard H Hammond

Best things come in small packages

The news that cars have been getting steadily larger over the last decade or more will not come as a surprise to anyone. With the increases in weight and dimensions, engines might have been expected to get bigger, too.

This has not been the case, however. More advanced engine designs and technology have allowed car builders to get more power from familiar capacities without sacrificing reliability.

Rather than increasing in size in parallel with the vehicles they power, they have merely increased output.And now the things are going even further. While cars continue to grow in stature, the engines powering them are shrinking in size.

The Audi looks good, top up or down

Take Audi's A3 Cabriolet. Leaving aside the folding roof for one moment, the A3 is a vehicle that competes alongside the Volkswagen Golf, Vauxhall Astra and Ford Focus – albeit aimed at a more premium market.

Take examples of these cars from 15 years ago (in the case of the Focus you'll need to exchange it for its predecessor, the Ford Escort) and the A3, like its contemporaries, dwarfs them.

Despite this, Audi's A3 Cabriolet can now be equipped with what seems like an outrageously small capacity 1.2-litre engine. That's even more remarkable where the cabriolet version is concerned as, despite the canvas roof, the model suffers from the same weight issues as nearly all convertibles thanks to the extra motors and chassis-stiffening required, and weighs in at nearly 100kg more than its three-door equivalent.

Audi, along with its Volkswagen Group stable-mates has 'previous' when it comes to setting trends with small capacity engines. Previously, it was the 1.4-litre unit, available in turbocharged and twin-charged (supercharged and turbocharged) form, which raised eyebrows with its capacity belying performance.

Only a 1.2 litre engine under the bonnet but the Cabriolet is a charismatic performer

FACTS AT A GLANCE
Model: Audi A3 Cabriolet 1.2 TFSI Sport, £21,855 on the road
Engine: 1.2-litre petrol unit developing 103bhp
Transmission: Six-speed manual, driving the front wheels
Performance: Maximum speed 118mph. 0-62mph 12.2 seconds
CO_2 emissions: 132g/km
Economy: 49.6mpg.

The 1.2 TFSI unit also uses forced induction to boost performance to respectable levels while keeping fuel consumption and emissions low. A replacement for the 1.6-litre unit, it lowers CO_2 emissions by 35g/km and raises fuel economy by 9.2mpg while improving zero to 62mph acceleration and top speed.

It's a highly charismatic unit that adds a lot to the A3 Cabriolet package.

Much of the charisma comes in the form of the engine note; a distinctive grumble that's ever-present but rarely intrusive. With the roof down it adds to the driving appeal, offering a sports inspired – if not sporty – soundtrack.

If it's outright performance that's sought, perhaps the 1.2 TFSI is not the best choice, but considering the impressive real world economy and tax-lowering emissions it does a good job of shifting the A3 Cabriolet. Despite the turbocharger dependency, power does not arrive in lumps of high boost, instead being evenly spread across the rev-range.

The chassis is impressively rigid, too, with scuttle-shake contained roof up or down and little flimsiness apparent at the wheel even when 'pushing on'.

To really gather pace, the 1.2 TFSI A3 Cabriolet needs to be worked fairly hard, but a standard six-speed manual transmission means there's enough choice to ensure that the correct ratio can always be found. A longer sixth helps with motorway cruising, too. The little engine is comfortable at motorway speeds with largely impressive refinement, although a little wind noise can reach the interior.

The Cabrio really shines away from the motorway. The smallest capacity engine is at home in a town environment with its impressive urban fuel consumption figures and easy-to- drive nature. With the roof down on a country road it looks and feels chic, smart and sophisticated.

Where Audi has succeeded with its smaller cars, including the A3, is the grown-up feeling inside that's reminiscent of the larger executive models.

Despite the more care-free, frivolous nature of a convertible, the A3 Cabriolet has this premium feel and maturity in spades.

In Sport trim the model has an executive appeal. Varying colour options for the quick-folding, one-touch electric roof add to the upmarket feel as do impressive materials and impeccable finish.

Compromises come in the form of a small boot opening, restricted rear seating and a slightly firmer ride on the larger alloy wheels, but as a complete package the model offers a level of style and quality that's rare in the sector. Add increased economy and the A3 Cabriolet's appeal gets bigger and bigger while the engines get smaller and smaller.

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SEAT picks up tab for VAT rise

Exeo models also qualify for VAT discounts

And the deals apply to SEAT's popular Ibiza too

Used vehicle prices to rise

TRADE values are expected to rise during early 2011 as supply constraints continue to force dealers to compete in the open market for the best stock, say used car experts.

The January edition of Black Book, the benchmark guide to trade values, reports exceptionally high auction conversion rates in December were fuelled by an appetite for stock among dealers.

Research confirms stock remains scarce and 'serious buyers' are already out in force.

Used car valuation experts CAP say there were signs of a strong resurgence in trade demand even during the severe weather during early December.

Brisk

Despite winter conditions preventing many buyers from physically attending auctions, online bidding activity soared.

Retail activity has also been brisk, creating an immediate need to fill spaces on the forecourt this month.

Black Book research editor, Mark Bulmer, said: "Buyers spent December attempting to stock up and this was not only driven by the desire to beat an anticipated January rise in values.

"Research revealed a genuine appetite for stock, underpinned by a positive level of confidence, to ensure dealers were in a position to get the year off to a good start.

"There is also a widespread acceptance that buying will need to continue in January and that they will need to pay 'all the money' for the best stock because it is so thin on the ground and everyone will be pursuing it.

Fewer

"For example, major disposers entered 2011 with significantly fewer vehicles than they began last year with."

Looking ahead to the year, CAP believes that supply constraints are unlikely to ease in the short term.

It also says dealers are working hard to avoid low used car stock levels after they were caught short at the beginning of 2009.

Bulmer added: "The conversion rates for some December sales were remarkable, tipping 90 per cent in some cases when we might 'normally' expect the figure to be well below 50 per cent."

Spanish car maker SEAT is bringing some welcome Latin excitement to the post-Christmas gloom by extending and refreshing its successful VAT-free offer.

With value added tax now running at its highest level since its introduction in the UK in 1973, when it debuted at ten per cent, SEAT is happy to help insulate new car buyers from the latest increase.

Extending across much of the sporty SEAT line-up, the VAT-free offer is now complemented by a new "½ VAT" deal that amounts to a ten per cent discount off a further tranche of SEAT models.

And with a third, tempting, offer in the shape of zero per cent finance deals on a selection of new SEATs there really has never been a better time to pop into your local SEAT showroom.

Customers can check full details of the deals at **www.seat.co.uk** but in short, the VAT-free offers apply to 1.4 Chill and 1.4 85 PS petrol models in SEAT's biggest-selling Ibiza range. All other versions, excluding the entry level cars, benefit from the new ½ VAT discount.

Meanwhile, all versions of shapely yet capacious Ibiza ST, enjoy the VAT-free deal too.

Moving up the size range into the Leon family-sized five-seat hatch, VAT-free deals apply to S Emoción and all petrol models, excluding entry and Cupra R versions, while Cupra R and all diesel models, excluding entry and S Emoción versions, benefit from the new ½ VAT discount. New car buyers in the market for roomy and flexible family transport should look no further than the Altea or even larger Altea XL, all of which are being offered with either VAT-free or ½ VAT deals. Likewise, the luxurious, elegant Exeo and Exeo ST get VAT-free, or ½ VAT offers.

Finally, all versions of the new Alhambra full-size seven-seat MPV get the ½ VAT discount which effectively brings the newly-increased Value Added Tax down to its original 1973 level of ten per cent.

The new suite of offers will run throughout the first quarter of 2011, ending on March 31, and applies to eligible retail customer cars registered before this date.

Success

The retail campaign is also available to small fleet customers (sub-25 cars) who buy their vehicles outright.

SEAT UK head of operations Richard Harrison said: "The exceptional success of our VAT offer towards the end of 2010 meant we were understandably keen to continue the momentum into 2011.

"Our dealers up and down the country have been busier than ever and now, with the announcement of these great new retail offers, I'm sure they can look forward to a fantastic start to the New Year."

He added: "The ongoing sales success of SEAT in the UK is built first and foremost on the sporty, dynamic, practical and luxurious nature of our cars but the move to make our models even more appealing with these great deals can only serve to support our growing success here."

Summit becomes top UK dealership

Perodua UK managing director Tim Slaughter, left, presents the award to Summit's John Newey

AN INDEPENDENT garage in Dudley has won a quarterly award for being the best performing Perodua dealership in the country.

Perodua UK's managing director Tim Slaughter travelled to the West Midlands to present the certificate to John Newey, sales director of Summit Garage.

Mr Slaughter said: "I would like to congratulate John Newey and his team on a magnificent achievement. "The weather was awful and yet Summit Garage outsold all of the other Perodua dealers in the UK by a considerable margin"

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Honda rings in 2011 with series of offers

Honda has a range of new year offers on models like the Accord, above, saving customers up to £443

Honda is continuing to make new car ownership more affordable by adding three years' complimentary servicing and a range of flexible finance options to selected new cars until the end of March 2011.

The firm is also easing the pain of the new year VAT rise by absorbing the price increase for customers throughout January.

Three years' free servicing

Customers visiting a Honda dealership in the new year will be eligible for three years' complimentary servicing on all new CR-V models and Insight and CR-Z hybrids.

This offer, combined with Honda's standard one year's road side assistance, three year new car warranty and Honda's reputation for bullet-proof reliability, means affordable and hassle-free Honda new car ownership for the first three years.

Pre-VAT rise price freeze

Honda is also holding 2010 prices on all CR-V, CR-Z, Insight and Accord models and selected Civic variants until the end of January 2011. For example, by not passing on the VAT rise, customers can benefit from a £443 saving on a new Accord 2.0 ES GT.

Flexible financing

A range of flexible finance options are available across the Honda range to break the new car cost into manageable monthly payments. With a 25 per cent deposit, customers can secure a 5.9 per cent personal contract purchase (PCP) over three years, while those with a smaller deposit of 10 per cent can secure a 7.9 per cent PCP over the same duration. A two-year zero per cent HP deal is available with a 35 per cent down payment.

Customers opting for the 5.9 per cent PCP with 25 per cent deposit can have a brand new CR-V 4x4 for £299 per month.

Martin Moll, head of marketing for Honda (UK), said: "Our New Year's resolution was to keep helping our customers drive down the cost of new car ownership and three years free servicing combined with a selection of finance options is a great start.Plus, we wanted to take the sting off the VAT price rise – two and a half per cent is a significant amount on large purchases such as cars and it all adds up."

Get on course for better road users

THE Institute of Advanced Motorists has a number of coaching courses for road users from a young driver assessment, through to cycling.

Skill for Life, the course for which the IAM is most famously known, is available for car drivers and motorcyclists.

It has six to eight sessions with one of a network of more than 200 nation-wide IAM volunteer groups.

The chosen group allocates a local observer who, when you're ready, will put you forward for the Advanced Test.

The course cost £139 and 85 per cent of individuals pass first time.

Apart from the proven safety and confidence-boosting benefits of becoming an advanced driver or rider, there is also the major advantage of qualifying for IAM Surety insurance, that beats other competitive quotes in 93 per cent of cases for IAM members.

Drivers or motorcyclists who have held a licence for several years may benefit from a refresher with DriveCheck or RideCheck. The one-hour drives with an IAM observer or examiner aim to help confidence by giving ideas of how you could improve, as well as celebrating what you're already good at.

Momentum, the IAM's new initiative offers young drivers a low-cost assessment with an IAM examiner, early in their development, that helps to improve confidence, raise awareness, and reduce risk on the roads.

RoadRider Plus is also aimed primarily at the younger market. It assesses riders of scooters, mopeds or sub-125cc machines and gives a clear indication of current skills and abilities, and is a way of progressing after the essential Compulsory Basic Training.

And for cyclists, the IAM offers a membership package, with the additional option of three levels of training to suit anyone from the real beginner, to those wanting to increase their confidence in busy traffic.

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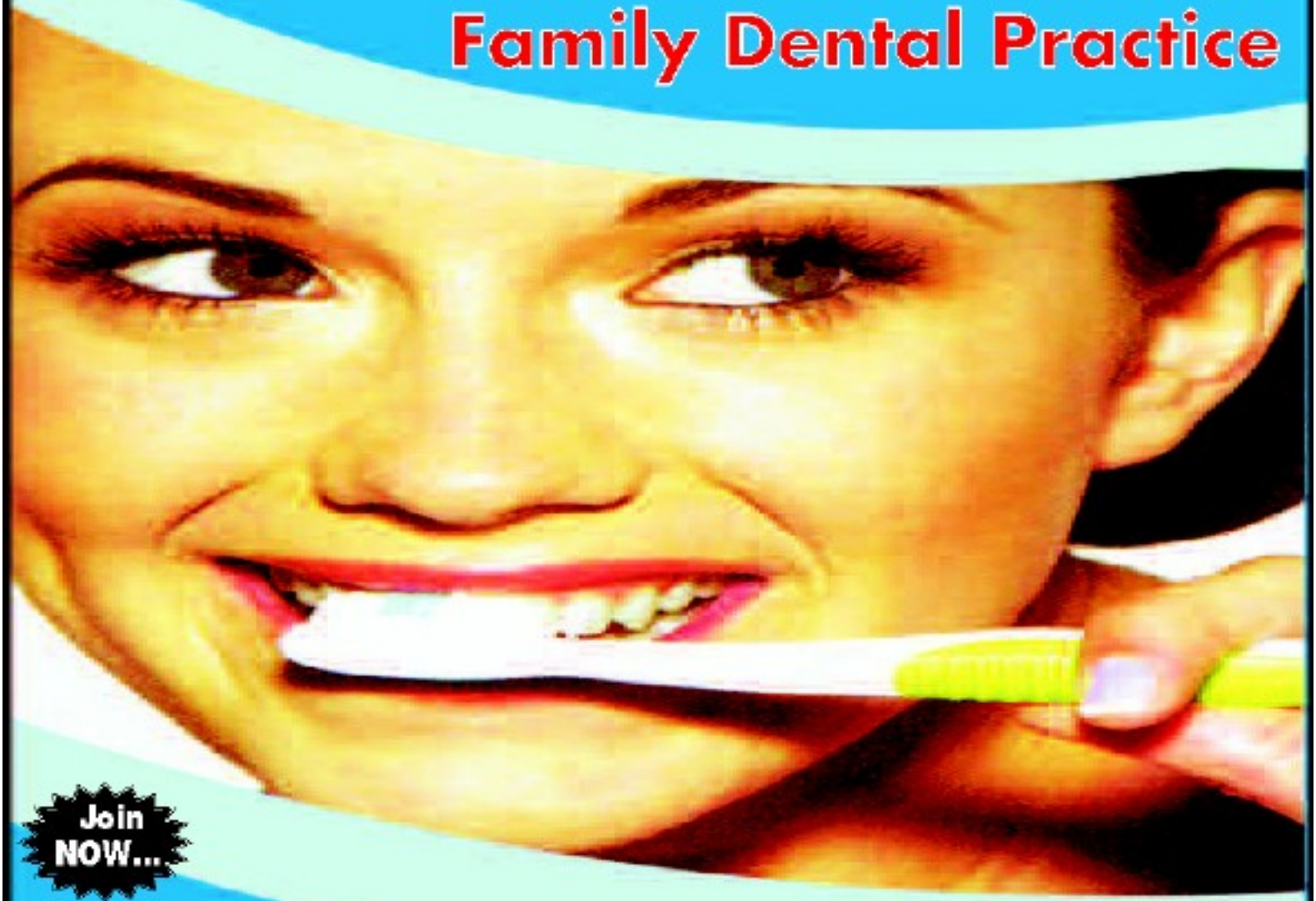

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Tapper's in Rich vein of form with hat-trick

BELT Road beat Alma 5-2 in the Premier League with goals coming from Danny Green, Karl Wallis, Chris Deakin, Mike Barton and Ash Zagarella.

The Thatch beat Yates Sports 5-1. Richard Harris bagged two and one each for Ash Lawley, James Lewis and Scott Chapman.

Rugeley Utd had to thank star striker Dean Watkiss for his goal as they beat Hawkins Sports 1-0.

In the first round of the Division One Cup, Robin Hood knocked out last season's finalists Brereton Social Lion 4-0. Graham Roberts and Ben Pugh netted twice.

In Division One, St Matthews beat a spirited Cannock and Ascot side 3-2 with goals from Alan Haycock, Paul Harvey and Rob Lakin.

Red, White & Blue beat Victoria 3-2. Richard Bellingham bagged two and one from Liam Shine.

The Dog beat Blowers 4-2. Lee Knox scored two and one each for Graham Robinson and John Tomkinson.

The Legion go into the semi-finals of the Division Four Cup by knocking out Victoria Ath 4-2. All four goals in the quarter-final tie were scored by Scott Sjoerdsma.

Colliers Arms beat Chase Spartans 2-0 in Division Two with a goal each for Josh Turner and Mark Bailey.

Crystal Fountain beat Bar Sport 2-0 with goals from Chris Thurstance and Shane Clifton.

Heath Hayes Cons beat Bloxwich Celtic 6-2. James De Rosa scored a hat-trick and Nick Preece, Lee Collyer and Jamie Haines added one each.

Yew Tree Rovers beat Royal Oak 4-0. Tom Green scored twice.

Inex Wyrley knocked out Rugeley Rangers 3-2 in the quarter finals of the Division Three Cup .

Top striker Shaun Talbot completed his hat-trick with the winner in the last five minutes.

CANNOCK CHASE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SPONSORED BY ATLAS SPORTSWEAR

The Littleton thrashed Harrisons 8-1. There was a hat-trick for Rich Tapper, two for Matty Dickens and one each for Russ Ambrose, John Whitehouse and Saul Stocking.

In Division Three, the Bridge beat Chadsmoor Utd in the local derby 3-1. John Richards, Dale Owen and sub Matty Riddle scored.

Cheslyn Hay thrashed St Mary's 7-1. Kevin Cartwright scored a hat-trick, there was a double for James Hands, and Josh Barnett and Greg Shelton added one each.

Broomhill Albion beat Mary Rose 2-0 thanks to a 30 yard Danny Blakemore goal and Dave Hudson.

Spotted Cow beat Tackeroo 4-0 in Division Four. Lee Warren bagged two and Rob Garretlee and Rich Cole added one each.

Prairie Farm beat Castle 3-2. Danny Lomas netted twice, with one from Luke Wood.

Lamb & Flag beat White Lion 4-2. Eddie Instone got two and one goal each for Mark Reynolds and Lee Hodgkiss.

T.N.T. beat Bridgtown Social 4-1. Gaz Edwards and Matty Evans scored one each with Lee Coney getting two.

Dynamo Bridge came from one down to beat Nest 6-4 in their Division Five clash. Chris Geldart and Russ Holmes bagged two apiece with further goals from Phil Bowater and John Mayer.

Forest Rangers beat Church Hill 6-1 thanks to goals from Joe Carpenter, Rob Platter, Tom Brachen, Jose Fernado Silva and a double from Jason Wright.

Winding Wheel's star striker Nick Hodgkiss added another four goals to his tally of 31 as they beat Athletico Bridge 6-3. Jamie Naish and Aaron Roberts scored one each.

The Globe thrashed Noah's Ark 7-1 with Dan Stevens scoring four, Dave Brazier two and young Sam Ironmonger one. Cannock & Rugeley beat Turf 4-2. Alastair Forster, Paul Dabbs, Chris Collins and Marcus Devine scored one each.

In the fourth round of the Cannock Chase Cup, Premier league Winding Wheel knocked out Louis Auto's from Division four 3-1.

Lee Taylor netted twice and one from Andy Nixon put the Wheel into the quarter finals.

Fixtures for Sunday January 16:

Cannock Chase Cup Round Three:

White Lion v AFC Winding Wheel; AFC Heath Hayes v St Matthews.

Brereton Town Cup Round Two:

Ridware Oak v Red White & Blue; Thatch v Pelsall Bush; Belt Road v The Winding Wheel; Hawkins Sports v Rugeley Utd; Brereton Social Lion v Blowers.

Cannock Charity Cup Round Two:

Forest Rangers v Hednesford Ex; Broomhill Albion v AFC Nest; T.N.T. V Prairie Farm; Lea Hall v Inex Wyrley Jnrs; The Littleton v Royal Oak.

Bill Davis Cup Round Two:

AFC Globe v Louis Auto's; The Frying Pan v FC Marina; Hen House v Noah's Ark; Tackeroo v White Hart; Castle v Spotted Cow.

Premier League:

Alma 2001 v Brereton Town.

Division One:

Victoria v Cannock Ascot.

Division Two:

Legion v Bloxwich Celtic; Victoria Ath v Chase Spartan; Heath Hayes Cons v Crystal Fountain; Colliers Arms v Yew Tree Rovers.

Division Three:

Chadsmoor Utd v Bridge; Mary Rose v Cheslyn Hay Ath; Rugeley Rangers v AFC Littleton; Brinsford v St Mary's.

Division Four:

Lamb & Flag v Midland Strollers.

Division Five:

Dynamo Bridge v Turf; Wyrley Jnrs v Cannock & Rugeley; Church Hill Vic v Athletico Bridge.

by TIM ELSMORE

M&B and Windmill prove they are Summit special

Windmill captain Kevin Handley collects the£600 cheque from John Newey

League President John Newey, right, presents a cheque to M&B's Steve Davis

CANNOCK-based bowling teams collected the top honours in the Midlands Premier Bowls League.

A league record of £6,300 prize money was handed out at the Summit Garage Bowls League Presentation.

The top award of £1,000 went to M&B Cheslyn Hay for winning the Premier Division. M&B's Steve Davis received the cheque from league president John Newey. Chadsmoor Progressive's Mick Ledwidge also received the premier division average award.

The Windmill club from Gentleshaw won the £600 division one title and with it, promotion to the premier division. Captain Kevin Handley collected the cheque from John Newey. Windmill's Glyn Storer also won the division one average award.

By George! O'Neill hits a rocket shot for first goal of the season

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

SHELFIELD UNITED 1 CANNOCK TOWN JUNIORS U-9 4

What a start to the new year for Cannock Town, against league two opposition in their first cup game and after having six weeks off.

After starting the brighter, a Carter Lycett free-kick gave Cannock the lead before Phil McLaughlin made it two.

Shelfield did pull a goal back, but Lycett and Josh Stuart wrapped the win for Cannock.

BURNTWOOD DRAGONS REDS U-11S 1 BURNTWOOD DRAGONS 7

Burntwood were drawn against their clubmates the Reds in this new year Shield tie.

Liam Latham put Dragons ahead before Brad Price levelled.

A great individual goal, again by Latham, just before the break gave Dragons the half time lead.

The second half, however showed the difference between the teams. Man of the Match Latham scored two more, along with goals from Oli Hodge, Tom Johnson and Liam Millington.

BURNTWOOD DRAGONS REDS U-14S 1 BURNTWOOD DRAGONS 1 – REDS WON 4-3 ON PENALTIES

For the second time this season Reds put in a hard-working display against their clubmates, but struggled to find the net on several first half occasions.

Both Tom Price and Oli Tombs came close for the Reds until they eventually took the lead through a well taken Curtis Smallman free kick.

Dragons levelled soon after also through a free kick from Jake Hall.

Although Reds had several chances to kill the game off, Dragons' battled on to take the game to extra time then penalties.

Man of the Match Callum Rose, Oli Tombs, Bailey Heanan and Smallman all converted for the Reds with keeper Sam Woodall saving Dragons' last attempt to stay in the competition.

CANNOCK TOWN U-14S 9 RUGELEY RANGERS 0

League leaders Cannock Town remain unbeaten after beating Rugeley 9-0. Captain Niall Preece, Micky Lycett and Connor Butcher, his first goals for Cannock in the five years they've been playing, all bagged doubles.

Reid Elsmore, Liam Dowell and Luke Gorman added one each.

Managers player of the match went to Connor Butcher, while the supporters' Man of the Match went to Liam Dowell.

HEDNESFORD TOWN U-15S 6 STARLAND ST ANNES 1

Hednesford returned to action after a long lay-off and came through a league cup game against Starland St Annes with a convincing 6-1 win.

After two minutes Starland took the lead, but Hednesford equalised through Tom Green on his debut.

Sam Pugh won a penalty which Jack Partridge converted. On the stroke of half time Ben Green made it 3-1.

Hednesford dominated the second half and Partridge and the two Greens all grabbed their second goals of the game to give Hednesford a route into the quarter finals of the league cup.

CHASE ATHLETIC U-10S 2 FOUR OAKS PUMAS 0

Visitors Four Oaks had lost only once this season before this Shield encounter.

However, Chase, who are a league below, belied their status to run out worthy winners.

Despite a lengthy lay-off Chase took the game to their opponents and Louie Grice gave them the lead. Bradley Brettle doubled the advantage before the break.

Despite further pressure, Chase were unable to add to their tally, but did shut out the Four Oaks attack. Man of the Match was Oliver Ingry.

HOLLY LANE 0 CHASE ATHLETIC U-11S JUNIORS 4

A thunderbolt from Man of the Match George O'Neill opened his account for the season and set Chase on their way to this Shield victory.

Tanaka Katsukunya made it two and just when it looked as though that would be end of the scoring, Chase added two late goals through Ben Crutchley and Ben Wood.

CHASE ATHLETIC U-11S BOYS 1 HOLY NAME 5

Chase struggled to find their form in their first game since the end of October, though there were positives to take from the game.

Chase were pegged back in their own half for long periods of the first half. However they managed to take the lead with 10 minutes left through Josh Tolley.

Holy Name equalised straight from the re-start and went on to dominate the second half, scoring four more goals.

BRERETON TOWN 0 CHASE ATHLETIC U-12S BOYS 3

Both sides had just 10 players and it was a fairly even clash.

However, Chase got the better of their opponents though thanks to goals from Zak Kosewski (2) and Mason Foster. Callum Hope was Man of the Match.

FOUR OAKS JAGUARS 0 CHASE ATHLETIC U-13S 2

Leaders Chase were far from convincing as the hosts made it difficult for them.

First half goals from Alistair Kerrigan and Harry Hadley – his first for the club – were enough to give Chase the points.

Man of the Match was Phillip Cooper.

RPS DYNAMO U-18 GIRLS 2 SUTTON UTD U18 GIRLS 0

This was a hard battle for RPS but even though they hadn't played for nine weeks they kept their nerve to beat a very well organised Sutton team.

Sarah Jackson got the opener after good work from Scarlett Fielding. In the second half Dynamos hit the post and bar until a good move involving Beth Cottrell,Vicky Fearn and Amy Whieldon set up Carly Reid-Smith to hit a superb cross shot into the bottom corner to give RPS a deserved win.

Parents' Player and manager's player went to Amy Beccy Milner. Players' Player went to Amy Whieldon.

HEDNESFORD UNITED U11 GIRLS 3 STAFFORD TOWN GIRLS 4

In an exciting game, Hednesford missed out by the odd goal in seven.

Lana Titley had given Hednesford the lead on eight minutes, but Stafford equalised then took the lead just before the break.

Lois Brindley equalised early in the second half and despite Tiffany Whelan making two fantastic saves, she couldn't prevent Stafford scoring two goals to take the lead.

Titley pulled one back but despite immense pressure Hednesford couldn't find an equaliser.

BROWNHILLS COLTS GIRLS U-13S 0 HEDNESFORD UNITED GIRLS U-13S 3

The game started off with Hednesford penned in Brownhills half, but the hosts defended in numbers to keep the Pitmen girls at bay.

Midway through the first half, Hednesford got a corner which lead to a goal scored by Chloe Taylor and their pressure led to another goal scored by Jess Fowler shortly before half time.

Ellie Bilson went on a second half run through the Brownhills players which resulted in a goal.

Hednesford United u-13s Girls are in urgent need of players top strengthen their existing squad. Players must be in school Years 7 or 8.

Training takes place at Kingsmead Technology College on Thursdays and Fridays. Call Martin 07969846423 or 01543 276464 for more details.

BRERETON TOWN GIRLS 1 WYRLEY PUMAS 0

This league cup semi final tie was a hard-fought game.

Both teams played good football and neither deserved to lose, but Brereton finished the winners thanks to an early Kate Atkinson goal.

BOWLS LATEST

LATEST results and tables from the Briggs Equipment Indoor Bowls League, January 9, 2011:

Division 1:

M.Jones & C.Johnson 21 S. Edwards & D Murray 14; C.Marshman & B.Preece 10 K.Carter & C.Barker 21; M.Evans & L. Pritchatt 21 D.Hayward & V. Gray 16; D&G Storer 21 A&G Parsons 11;

Division Two:

F. Statham & A.Preece 21 N&J Newey 18; P.Evans & T.Allen 21 L.Cavill & M.Bardsley 8; A.Tapper & J.Elliott 11 L.Hulse & P. Cook 21; K.Handley & D. Chester 21 J.Hollis & S. Powis 14;

Division Three:

N.Egan & I.Roles 21 S&A. Baird17; M&P Colbourne 18 L.Simonczyk & I.Platz 21; A.Allcock & C.Baird 21 B.Taylor & G.Garbett 11; M.Hodgkinson & P.Edwards 11 C.Pugh & K.Coulthard 21;

Division One

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Carter & Barker	8	6	2	38	12
Storer & Storer	8	6	2	37	12
Edwards & Murray	8	5	3	18	10
Evans & Pritchatt	8	4	4	10	8
Hayward & Gray	8	3	5	-4	6
Jones & Johnson	8	3	5	-25	6
Parsons & Parsons	8	3	5	-44	6
Marshman & Preece	8	2	6	-30	4

Division Two

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Newey & Newey	8	5	3	21	10
Cavill & Bardsley	8	5	3	13	10
Tapper & Elliott	8	5	3	11	10
Statham & Preece	8	5	3	-2	-10
Handley & Chester	8	4	4	11	8
Evans & Allen	8	3	5	-1	6
Hulse & Cook	8	3	5	-37	6
Hollis & Powis	8	2	6	-16	4

Division Three

	P	W	L	A	Pts
Egan & Roles	8	7	1	46	14
Simonczyk & Platz	8	6	2	43	12
Colbourne&Colbourne	8	5	3	21	10
Pugh & Coulthard	8	5	3	13	10
Taylor & Garbett	8	4	4	-20	8
Hodgkinson&Edwards	8	3	5	-15	6
Allcock & Baird	8	1	7	-23	2
Baird & Baird	8	1	7	-65	2

A Purr-fect day for Diamonds as Cat drills home the winner

LICHFIELD DIAMONDS

LICHFIELD DIAMONDS LADIES 3 KINGSHURST LFC 2 – WEST MIDLANDS WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE

DIAMONDS were a little rusty after seven weeks without a game – and it showed, particularly around the box as they lacked a killer instinct.

Midway through the first half Kingshurst won a succession of corners and Diamonds were punished when they allowed one to drop inside the six yard box.

This spurred them into a greater sense of urgency, Shannon Edwards cutting in from the right bought a good double save from the keeper before Alison Livermore unleashed an unstoppable shot from outside the box to equalise.

The second half saw the home side begin to take control and Livermore put Diamonds in front with a calm finish from close range.

As the home side pressed forward in search of a two goal cushion Cat Harris went close on several occasions but with 10 minutes to go Kingshurst caught them on the break to level the score.

However, within a minute Harris went through

Runaway leaders stretch advantage

PARADISE LOUNGE

PARADISE LOUNGE 0 AMINGTON ROVERS 4

RUNAWAY leaders Amington Rovers extended their lead at the top of the table as two goals in either half inflicted Paradise Lounge's first defeat of 2011.

In action for the first time since November's 6-0 beating by Whitehouse, Paradise made a positive start to proceedings and were unfortunate to go behind.

Forward Greg Burton latched onto a long ball from the back and got the better of seasoned left-back Mark Morris to score for Amington.

Burton, who scored five goals the previous week, got his and Amington's second midway through the first-half after the referee awarded a free-kick which incensed the hosts.

Lounge continued to frustrate Rovers who were struggling to pierce the Paradise defence, until star striker Simeon Smith was in the right place at the right time to make it 3-0 with a deft near-post finish. Amington beat the offside trap to add a fourth soon after but were denied on numerous occasions by goalkeeper Paul Webb, who was enjoying his best display of the season so far between the sticks.

And Webb, inspired by the magic of the FA Cup third round, almost headed Paradise a deserved consolation when he joined his team-mates at the other end of the pitch for the last corner of the game.

Despite a fourth successive setback, player-manager Dale Harley was encouraged by his side's much-improved performance.

"Amington have been destroying teams every week, so a 4-0 loss having played well is nothing to be ashamed about," he said.

City's seconds have the chance to go top

CANNOCK STAGS XI 7 NORTH STAFFORD 1ST XI 2

Cannock's future stars took to the field as the Stags hosted North Stafford at Chase Park and a great start to 2011 was made bas doubles for Sam Mee and the returning Matt Northcott, aided by single strikes for Dan Beck, Lewis Jecketts and Chris Beck made for an impressive 7-2 victory.

CANNOCK 2ND XI 3 OLTON & WEST WARWICK 2ND XI 2

Cannock's 2nds started 2011 in the best way possible by taking all three points. A double from Chris Mayer and Paul Harris's sixth goal of the season continued Jamie Roberts men's good rum of form.

CANNOCK 3RD XI 8 NORTHAMPTON SAINTS 3RD XI 1

Cannock 3rds began a weekend double header in the perfect way. Five goals came from Nick Middleton with singles for Richard Parker, Chris Bolt and Ed Martin to make a nice trip back to Chase Park for Andy Orford's men.

CANNOCK 3RD XI 0 RUGBY & EAST WARWICK 3RD XI 0

Sunday saw the 3rds host Rugby in a game which only three points would prove acceptable.

Sadly Cannock never turned up and with a changed side they never found any consistent rhythm and paid the price with a drab 0-0 and two points dropped in their quest for the title.

CANNOCK 4TH XI 0 WEST BRIDGFORD 5TH XI 0

Cannock 4ths have stumbled in recent weeks after some great victories fighting against the odds.

However, on this occasion they played host to a well drilled West Bridgford side who played their part in an entertaining and tight game.

Two points dropped for Andy Darnley's men but credit must go the away side as they frustrated Cannock and were well worth the point.

CANNOCK 5TH XI 4 OLD WULFRUNIANS 4TH XI 0

Karl Owen and his men travelled to bottom side Old Wulfrunians and showed that they are certainly good enough to be in the division with a comfortable 4-0 victory thanks to double strikes for Paul Martin and Jeevan Dhanda.

CANNOCK 6TH XI 1 BRIDGNORTH 4TH XI 2

Top of the league with a 100 per cent record, Bridgnorth 4ths started strongly.

Cannock matched them with passion and effort but loss of concentration let the Bridgnorth forwards in and it was 1-0. Cannock could have rolled over and died but battled to match the top of the league side.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Cannock pushed on to level thanks to a goal from Louie Morris.

With 20 minutes to go, Bridgnorth came back at Cannock and a defensive slip allowed them to sneak a second goal. Cannock tried to get an equaliser and went close on several occasions.

CANNOCK BADGERS 'A' XI 3 CANNOCK BADGERS 'B' XI 0

Cannock Juniors same out in force in the grudge interclub game which the 'A' side took the plaudits with a Robert Massey double and Callum Swinnerton-Ions strike. Special mention must go to Kyle Box

HOCKEY ROUND-UP

and Jake Bilson who made their debuts for Cannock as well as a great outing from Harry Michael who is only seven-years-old.

CANNOCK VINTAGE 5 RUGBY & EAST WARWICK VINTAGE 2

Cannock Hockey Club is proud of the current successes being achieved at the club, what is sometimes forgotten is why and how they have become so successful – because of the hard done by so many over the last four decades plus.

That hard-working generation was put on the pitch as the Vintage side (Over 50s) took to the pitch to face a sporting Rugby & East Warwick in an entertaining game on Sunday morning at Chase Park.

Cannock rolled back the years and played some great hockey and enjoyed a 5-2 victory after double strikes for legends Ozzy Harris and Phil Hubert as well a single Paul Singh strike.

WOLVERHAMPTON LADIES 2NDS 0 CANNOCK LADIES 3RD 5

Cannock Ladies 3rd string made the short trip to Wolverhampton looking to continue their recent upturn in results, and they didn't let own either coach Alex Hill or fighting fit captain Kate Richards.

As expected the majority of the game was spent in the hosts' half as Cannock took the initiative.

It look half an hour for the first goal to come, but once it did there was only going to be one winner as Cannock made it two league wins in a row and three games without conceding a goal.

A double from Jane Craddock as well as single strikes for Stacey Mound, Sophie Tibbetts and a rare Jess Jecketts goal made for a super day's work.

CANNOCK LADIES 5TH XI 2 BLOXWICH LADIES 3RD XI 1

Both sides played very well but Cannock had the advantage after a goal from Shannon Deakin. Bloxwich replied with a penalty flick.

The second half saw Cannock have good possession and the winning goal came from Ellie Bradbury.

Anybody interested in joining Cannock Mens Hockey Club either as a member, player, umpire or volunteer please contact Alex Hill on 07775360412 or email: alexhill28@hotmail.co.uk

Anyone interested in joining Cannock Ladies Hockey Club in any capacity should contact Club Captain Kate Richards on 07834376052 or email: cheeksweets@aol.com

LICHFIELD MENS 2ND XI 6 COVENTRY CITY & UNIVERSITY 2

Lichfield reassembled at the new surroundings of Chasetown Specialist Sports College, looking to continue and extend their league success so far.

On paper Coventry City and University were tough opponents, lying fifth in the league but with some good results prior to the break.

As ever, skipper Paul Lewis galvanised his troops prior to the match and the home side responded well.

The breakthrough came as Lewis took a quick free hit to Parker, who turned his man on the top of the 'D' and slotted home a tidy finish. A second goal soon followed, Bailey reached the end of a mazy dribble and pulled the ball back to Astle, who tidily netted his first goal of the campaign.

Lichfield effectively sealed the win with two goals in the last ten minutes of the first half as first Humphries was put through on goal and rounded the keeper cooly, then Campbell netted a pea roller of a penalty corner.

Some sloppy play allowed the visitors a lifeline, but a penalty corner deflection by Lewis, and a Parker reverse stick strike ensured that Lichfield made is seven wins from eight matches in the league.

COVENTRY & NORTH WARWICK 0 LICHFIELD MENS 2ND XI 2

Following a six week break, two matches in two days is always going to be difficult, especially when the second is against one of the teams pushing Lichfield hard for the promotion places.

The day started inauspiciously when the intended goalkeeper failed to turn up. As a result, regular custodian Matt Hilton answered an emergency SOS.

A long ball down the right flank from Lewis to Parker allowed the striker to turn and feed Bailey who flicked the ball skilfully past the advancing keeper to open the scoring after the break.

Then a move down the opposite flank saw the ball with Round who crossed for Childs to net a maiden goal at this level.

Rattled Coventry nearly pulled one back but Lichfield held on for an important result.

Next the return visit to Loughborough Town, the only side that Lichfield have not beaten this season. Victory will see Lichfield climb to the top of the table for the first time in the season.

CHESTERFIELD 4THS 0 LICHFIELD MENS 5TH XI 8

Lichfield Mens 5ths made the trip to Chesterfield to play the rearranged game against their 4th team.

From the start Lichfield attacked and this proved the pattern for the whole game. Chesterfield had no answer to the skill and pace showed by this young team.

Sid Carpenter scored four goals and the scoring was completed with a goal each for Harry Carpenter, Jack Lomas, Andy Moseley and Jamie Wright. As this game completed the first half of the season Lichfield have finished at the top of the league and as the only unbeaten side.

LICHFIELD BROCK BADGERS 4 LICHFIELD HABART BADGERS 1

Lichfield fielded two strong Badgers sides with the Brocks getting the better of the Habart side with goals from Stephen Little, Josh Howship, Josh Smith and Jonathan Groves. Habart replied through Jarod Cordes.

Beeston Under 16 Girls 3 Lichfield Under 16 Girls 1 Lichfield travelling to Nottingham for Round 3 of the cup – the furthest they have ever got in this competition.

The whole team played well, taking the lead early through Amy Booth with a rasping shot. The defence held out well until just before half time conceding a very unfortunate goal.

BLOXWICH LADIES 3 LICHFIELD LADIES 5TH 5

On a very cool Saturday Lichfield travelled to Bloxwich to play a rearranged league fixture. Goals came from Glenda Francis (3), Natalie Lawrence and Emma Bennett. This result moves Lichfield 5th team into second place in the league just behind the Lichfield Ladies 4th XI, both in with a chance of promotion.

Lichfield Ladies 4th 12 Wolves & Tetenhall 4ths 0

The first match back after the Christmas break was a rearranged fixture.

Lichfield got straight back into their winning ways, putting 12 goals past a weak WATS side.

Nine goals were scored in the first half – a hat-trick from Lauren Foulds and two apiece from Lindsey Evans, Prue Nickson and Angela Mason. In the second half Emma Nuttall (2) and Di Millar added to the scoresheet.

Lichfield 4ths are now six points clear at the top of Division 4.

Cannock Vintage line up before the start of their game against East Warwick Vintage

Darts ace Mark Hylton, named PDC Newcomer of the Year

Darts ace hits bullseye with Newcomer award

RUGELEY darts star Mark Hylton has been named PDC newcomer of the year after an impressive first year as a professional.

The left-hander, a former airline cabin steward, turned professional just over a year ago and has already reached the last 16 or the World Championships. He beat former BDO champion Steve Beaton and ex-world number one Colin ;Jaws' Lloyd en route to the last 16, where he lost to eventual runner up Mark Webster.

Hylton, aged 44, also qualified for the Grand Slam of Darts at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

His award came at the PDC's annual awards night at the London Dorchester last week at which Phil Taylor was named as the PDC player of the year and inducted into the PDC's Hall of Fame .

Anglers now eyeing an end to big freeze

ANGLING

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WITH an end to the big freeze in sight, stillwater fishermen will soon be returning to the bankside!

Once the thaw is completed, fishery owners and clubs will be able to assess the extent of damage to fish stocks that the freezing conditions has had.

We are already hearing of some very large carp that have been seen dead under the ice on a couple of lakes around the area.

Anglers making the effort to fish the Rivers Dove, Trent and Severn have had to contend with high water levels due to snow melt, and with the water temperature only just above freezing, sport has been slow. This will improve now the air temperature is on the up and the rain water flushes through.

Trout anglers visiting the small stillwaters in the area will have some sport as rainbows can be tempted to take a fly or lure even in the coldest water. Fisherwick Lakes at Lichfield is now open and so to is Seighford Lakes near Stafford .

We have been busy re-arranging things in the store during the past couple of weeks and the carp department has been expanded with an increased range of terminal tackle, the game department now has now added the range of tactical river flies from Fulling Mill, and we will be running a six-week fly tying course beginning in February – anyone interested should call to register.

If you would like your Fishery mentioned in our weekly report please contact us. And if you have an up to date "fishy story" to report please contact us with details and a picture and we will attempt to include it for you.

We are taking bookings for the next fly casting course in February. To book a time slot contact us on 01922 411205, call into the store or email fish@archlineangling.co.uk

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Celebrations after Chris Peel's opener for Chasetown

Dave Egan congratulates Dean Perrow

Perrow at double as Nantwich sunk

NANTWICH TOWN 0 CHASETOWN 4

CHASETOWN FC

A DEAN Perrow double plus two first half goals saw 10-man Chasetown secure a superb 4-0 victory at Nantwich Town on Saturday.

Despite a red card for Gary Hay on 76 minutes, this was a committed and tough performance from the Scholars which left the travelling fans who braved the cold very happy.

Chasetown enjoyed the better of the opening minutes and a free kick from Richard Davies was plucked away by keeper Ben Chapman before Ben Jevons could get his head to it. Chris Peel then fired over the bar from a corner.

Jevons had made an impressive start and fired wide from 20 yards out while the Dabbers lost player-manager Darren Tinson through injury in the 15th minute.

Chasetown took the lead on 21 minutes when a 25-yard free kick was struck perfectly by Peel and flew beyond Chapman into the corner of the net.

Hay was next to go close before Danny Smith made it two on 37 minutes, receiving the ball from the right and cutting between two defenders to chip the ball over Chapman and into the net.

The Scholars restricted the Dabbers to a solitary chance in first half stoppage time but Glyn Blackhurst's shot hit the post.

Nantwich made a more rapid start to the second half, skipper Chris Flynn's shot flying wide before Dave Whittaker headed Jake Sedgemore's free kick wide of the post.

Ryan Price then saw his first action of the game in the Scholars goal to deny Michael Lennon. At the other end, Jevons headed over from a Davies free kick.

Price was called into action again to push another Lennon effort over the bar before the Scholars suffered a setback when Hay was sent off for a second bookable offence on 76 minutes.

Substitute Kevin Street tested Price but the Scholars keeper got down low to counter and the ball bounced off the post and the Dabbers went close once again when Kyle Blake shot over the bar.

With three minutes to go a through ball from Dave Bridgewater found fellow substitute Perrow free on the left and he lashed a shot across Chapman and into the net. In stoppage time the Scholars made it four, Egan squaring to Perrow in front of goal and he took the ball round Chapman to secure his second.

Disappointment for Scholars

CHASETOWN 2 NEWCASTLE TOWN 3, EVO-STIK LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3

THERE was more cup disappointment for Chasetown on Tuesday as Newcastle Town triumphed 3-2 in the Evo-Stik League Cup.

The Scholars were unable to convert many of the chances pre and they narrowly lost out to a team that has become one of their bogey sides over the years.

Newcastle went on the attack right from the kick-off forcing Darren Acton into an early save.

Chasetown's first chance saw Richard Davies pick up Grant Ryan's cross at the far post but Castle keeper Daniel Read got behind his shot.

On the half hour a Davies cross saw Danny Smith force Read into an excellent save and the Castle keeper was on hand again to halt Ryan's shot eight minutes later.

On 42 minutes the visitors, yet to lose in the league this season, opened the scoring when a mistake by the Scholars defence let in Jonathan Sheldon and his left-footed shot beat Acton.

The Scholars were level on 59 minutes when Birch rose to head Mark Branch's trademark well-placed free kick in at the near post.

On 76 minutes Newcastle's lead was restored courtesy of Neville Thompson who was substituted seconds later.

The visitors were in front for just a minute before substitute Ramone Stephens made an impact, unleashing a rocket shot across Read and into the corner.

Once again, Castle fought back and another substitute, Chris Budrys burst through to restore their lead on 81 minutes.

Chasetown now focus on their FA Carlsberg Trophy clash with Grimsby Town on Saturday.

KELLY'S EYE ON KEEPING UP RUN

SALISBURY CITY 2 HEDNESFORD TOWN 1

HEDNESFORD TOWN

HEDNESFORD Town pushed second-placed Salisbury all the way but two Adam Kelly goals in the space of five second half minutes preserved his side's unbeaten home record this season.

The Pitmen were looking to build on their away win at Leamington on Monday and Rob Smith's decision to deploy Ben Bailey at right wing-back to nullify the presence of the dangerous Charles Knight worked very well in the first half.

Decio Gomes and Cheyenne Dunkley were immense in the opening 45 minutes as a structured and hard-working away side prevented a usually free-scoring Salisbury from threatening Dan Crane's goal.

The closest either team came to breaking the deadlock in the first period was on 40 minutes when a Darren Campion corner for Hednesford fell to Nick Wellecomme but the striker wasn't expecting the ball and the Salisbury defence hacked clear. The Pitmen deservedly took the lead on 50 minutes when Wellecomme played a perfect pass inside Brian Dutton for Danny Quinn to slide the ball coolly underneath Tommy Smith and into the net for his seventh goal of the season.

The goal seemed to shock the home side into life as within 60 seconds Ben Joyce hit a looping left footed volley from 25 yards out which bounced against the crossbar and, as Hednesford struggled to clear, Joyce again shot low and forced Crane into a superb save.

As Salisbury turned the screw their equaliser came on 57 minutes as Jay Denny sliced his attempted clearance into the path of Adam Kelly who hit an unstoppable shot beyond Crane and into the net off the left upright.

Hednesford looked to retaliate as Danny Quinn half-volleyed over the bar but they conceded a second goal from a hugely debatable penalty decision on 62 minutes. Joyce tussled with Campion, as the Hednesford left-back looked to have won the ball, Joyce lost his footing and the referee Mr Newell awarded a spot kick.

Much to the consternation of The Pitmen faithful Kelly despatched the penalty despite Crane getting fingers to the ball and from then on the away side were always going to struggle.

Rob Smith's side were clearly rocked by the goal as Ben Adelsbury forced Crane to turn his shot from distance around the post. Bailey was sacrificed for Marvin Robinson as Hednesford went 4-3-3 but Salisbury always looked the more likely to score with Jake Reid running rings round the defence before seeing his shot parried by Crane and Reid again headed wide with the clock running down.

Chris Clements came within inches of scoring an unlikely equaliser in the dying minutes but his shot curled agonisingly past the far post and Hednesford were left to rue a crazy five minute spell in the second half.

The Pitmen welcome league leaders Truro City to Keys Park on Saturday (January 15), kick off at 3pm.

Under instruction from the Zamaretto League the re-arranged date for the postponed home league game against Halesowen Town FC has been brought forward to Tuesday March 1, kick off at 7.45pm.

Salisbury are outnumbered in midfield by Danny Quinn, Ross Davidson and Chris Clements

Robinson strike is enough for Pitmen

LEAMINGTON 0 HEDNESFORD TOWN 1 – RED INSURE CUP ROUND THREE

HEDNESFORD Town recorded their second win in the space of ten days at the New Windmill Ground as Marvin Robinson's first half tap-in proved enough in a dour spectacle.

Despite enjoying the better of the opening period Leamington looked shaky in defence and had to defend desperately on 17 minutes when first Cheyenne Dunkley and then Robinson had shots blocked on the goal line.

The Pitmen opened the scoring with the best move of the match as Simon Brown cleverly dummied a Jay Denny through ball and after Tony Breeden had blocked Kyle Patterson's shot Robinson was there to scuff the ball into an empty net on 22 minutes.

The home side struggled to threaten a solid looking Hednesford defence with Decio Gomes once again showing his class alongside the physical Dunkley. However, on the two occasions when the home side found a way through Dan Crane pulled off two outstanding low saves either side of half time from Alex Taylor.

Despite starting the second period in a purposeful manner the belief of Leamington seemed to ebb away as Rob Smith's Hednesford side saw out a final 20 disjointed minutes hassle free barring a strong shout for a penalty when Gomes looked to have handled the ball unintentionally in the penalty area.

The Pitmen advance to the last eight of the Red Insure Cup as their impressive start to 2011 continues but bigger games are on the way as they play their first home league game since November on Saturday (January 15) when league-leaders Truro City will prove a stern test of their play-off credentials.

■ Following the successful launch of the Hednesford Town Football Club Supporters Association before Christmas another meeting will be taking place at 7.30 tonight (Thursday).

All members are encouraged to attend and those fans who are yet to join are more than welcome.

A great deal of work has gone into the formation of the Association and membership has steadily increased since the inaugural meeting in November. The Association's main plan is to engage more supporters in the promoting of the club in the local community.

Jonathan Martin from AFC Telford United will be the guest speaker on the night. Hewill talk about how to better engage the local community in the football club.

Hayes see off battling Sphinx

HEATH HAYES 4 COVENTRY SPHINX 1 – MIDLAND ALLIANCE

HEATH HAYES

HEATH Hayes recorded the double over their opponents with a workmanlike performance against a side who were a lot better than the scoreline and their league position would suggest.

The visitors had the better of the early play, however Hayes took a 29th minute lead somewhat against the run of play. Alan Haycock worked himself into a good position only to be scythed down in the box. Chris Deakin coolly dispatched the penalty.

Sphinx finished the half strongly and only an excellent save by keeper Adam Braddock to deny Andrew Jackson kept the home side in front.

Hayes effectively sealed the victory on the space of five minutes after the break. Leigh Bevan played an excellent ball through to Dave Waple who wrong footed the visitors defence with a superb backheel to skipper James Barber who side-footed the ball home and on 50 minutes Waple then finished off a lovely five man move.

Visiting keeper Andrew Bryce produced a couple of excellent saves to deny Deakin and Haycock but Sphinx were never out of it.

After soaking up a period of pressure Hayes got a fourth on 78 minutes through Chris Deakin.

On 82 minutes substitute Kelvin Philips got a goal which the visitors' efforts deserved.

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